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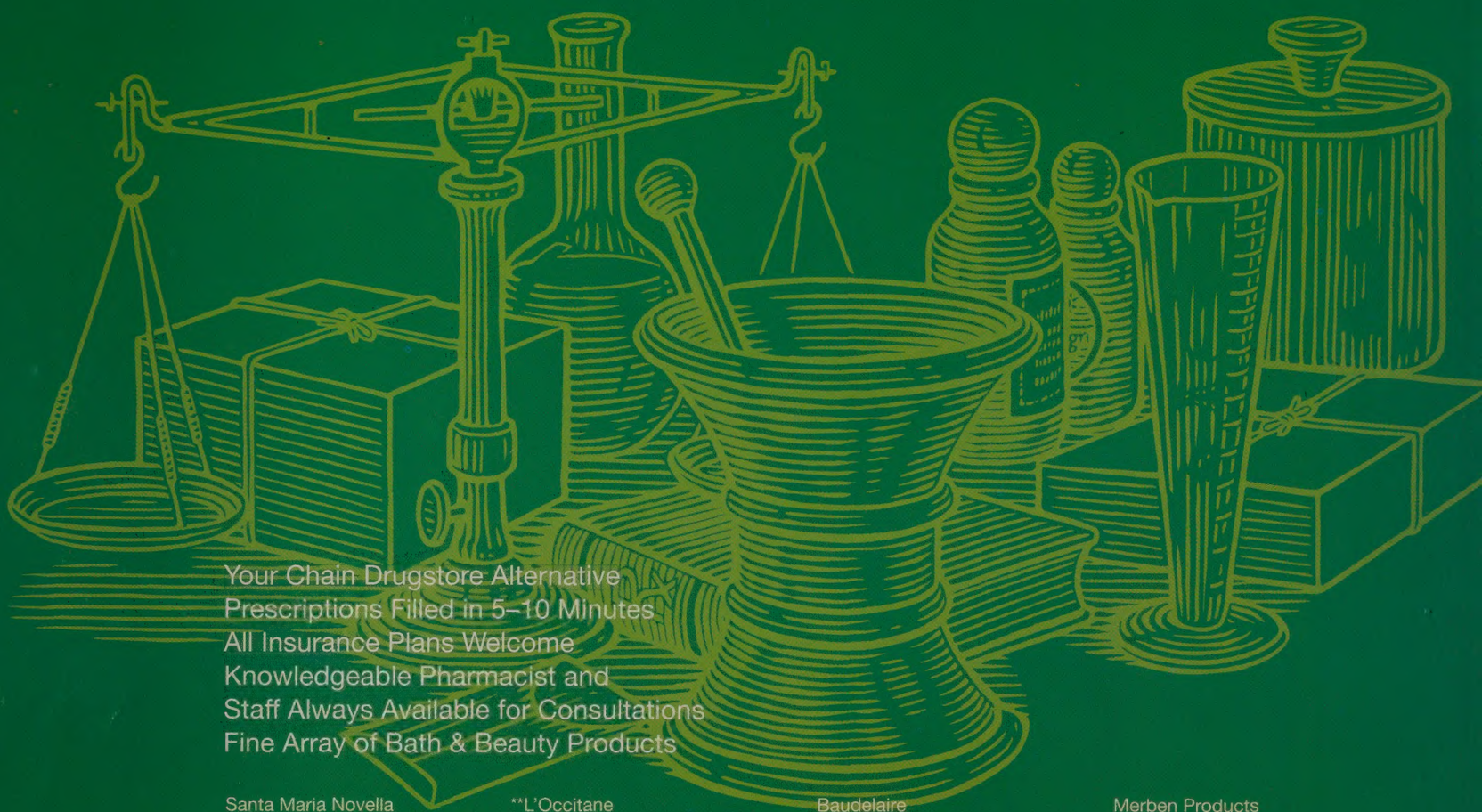

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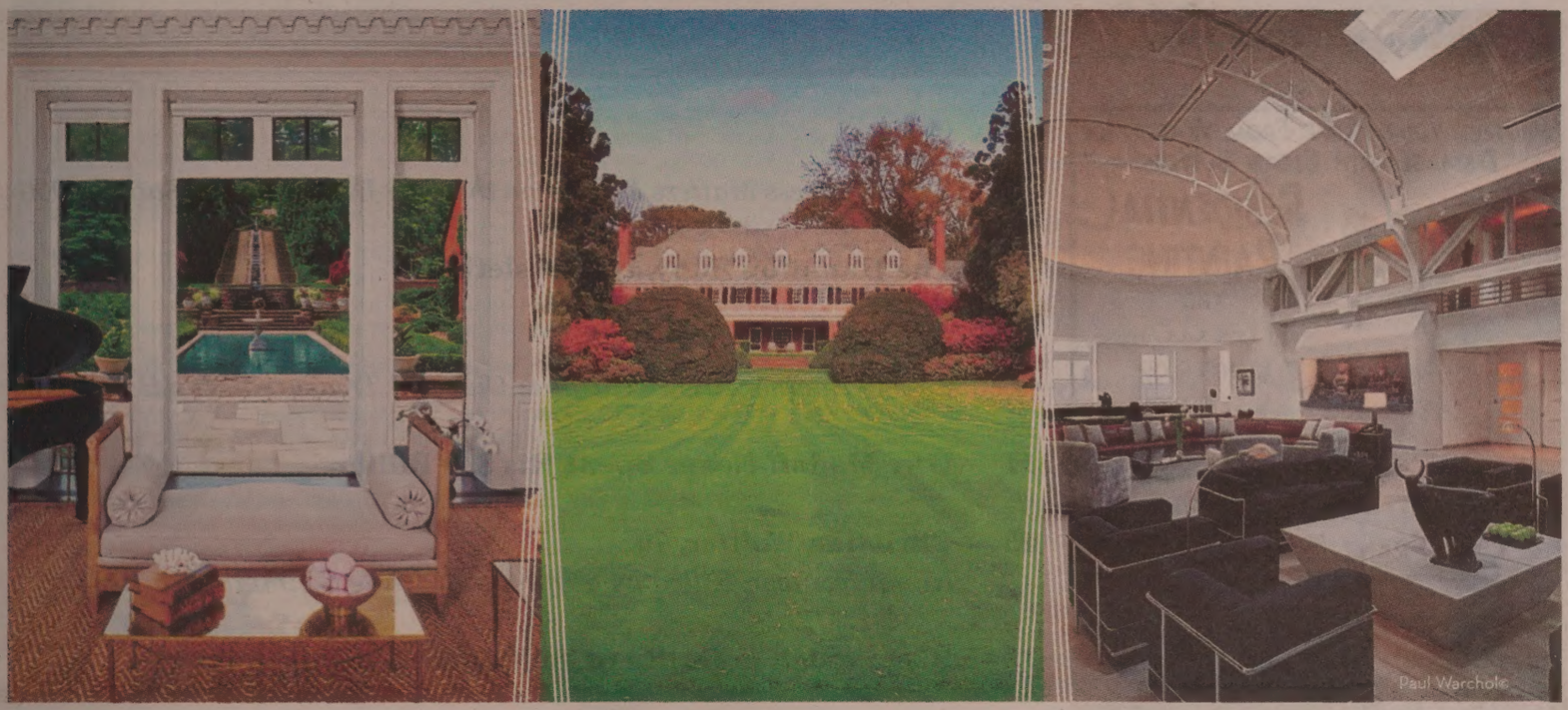

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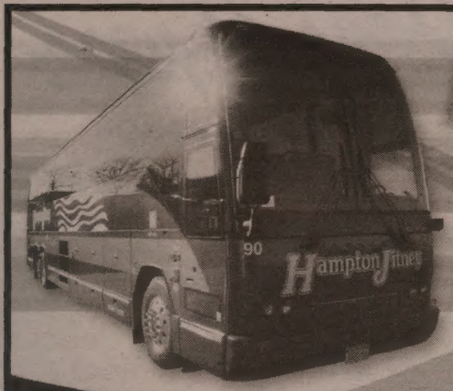

Hampton Jitney Gets The Show On The Road

Announcing the Upcoming Tours Lineup...

"Sex and The City" Hotspots Tour! – Fri. Feb., 6th - $93 pp. Join us for a fun-filled, fully guided bus tour from the hit series and subsequent movie, "Sex and the City" where you will make some interesting stops and 'mimic' some of the ladies. Of course, a wonderful luncheon is included in this delightful trip. You will follow in the footsteps of Carrie & Co. as they conquer New York City! Drink where they drink, shop where they shop, and gossip where they gossip. There are over 40 real-life locations featured on this tour. (NF)

"Mary Poppins" – Wed., Feb. 11th - $165 pp. – Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! Nanny Mary Poppins keeps the Banks family in line with the kind of magic only she can conjure. Based on the books by P. L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, this is the story of the Banks family and how their lives change after Mary Poppins arrives at their home at 17 Cherry Tree Lane in London. (SF)

"South Pacific" – Valentine's Day Special – Sat., Feb. 14th - $226 pp. – Lincoln Center Theater presents this Rodgers & Hammerstein revival. Set during World War II, it tells the story of an American lieutenant and an American nurse and their relationships with some of the residents of the exotic islands where they find themselves stationed. The musical score is absolutely beautiful. Take your special someone for a wonderful lunch and one of the most beautiful musicals ever. This is a show not to be missed! (SF)

American Museum Of Natural History – Fri., Feb. 20th - $77 per Adult/$65 per child 12 years and under – Explore the American Museum of Natural History, one of the largest science museums. The history of our planet and its species is revealed in more than forty exhibition halls. Subjects explored range from dinosaurs, to gems and minerals, to life in the sea, to the cultures of the seven continents. Experience a seamless journey from the outer reaches of the universe to the inner workings of Earth in the Rose Center. (NF)

"The Lion King" – Wed., Feb. 25th - $185 pp. - Julie Taymor's acclaimed staging of the hit Disney animated film has been hailed as a Broadway landmark. The Lion King tells the story of the epic adventures of a young lion cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destined role as king. (SF)

"Colonial Gossip & Glorious Gardens" – Philadelphia 2-Day Tour – Sat.-Sun., Feb. 28th-Mar. 1st – $259 pp./do. – This unique tour will thoroughly engage you in Philadelphia's charm. You will find out the meaning behind some of the old sayings from Colonial times and be thoroughly entertained while you learn. In addition, you will have tickets for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show – this year's theme is "Bella Italia"! (SF)

Philadelphia Flower Show – Theme: Celebrate "Bella Italia" – Sun., Mar. 1st (NF) (SF) & Sat., Mar. 7th (SF) – $86 pp. – This show will embrace Italy in breathtaking displays. The Entrance Garden will capture the majesty of ancient Rome with its formal gardens of statuary, topiary, manicured hedges and tiered plantings. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended, the show floor is vast.

Gettysburg "Sights, Sounds & Tastes" 3-Day Tour – Mon.-Wed., Mar. 23rd-25th – $415 pp./do. – Gettysburg, PA, where the turning point of the Civil War occurred is a stirring place to visit. You will enjoy the Gettysburg Museum, take the Battlefield Tour, dine on an historic property being served by Colonial-garbed attendants, tour the Shirver House Museum and have some free time at the humongous teddy bear store, Boyd's Bear Country. (SF)

Victorian Vignettes in Victorian Cape May, NJ – 3-Day Tour – Sun.-Tues., Apr. 26th-28th – $659 pp./do. - This fabulous tour is a complete delight. It begins with the world renowned Philadelphia Museum of Art audio tour of the *Cézanne and Beyond* exhibit, and continues as you take a step back in time at the Congress Hall hotel and have some wonderful tours and adventures, like a Tea luncheon and Trolley tour. (SF)

Longwood Gardens Wine & Jazz Festival – Sat., May 2nd – $101 pp. – Hampton Jitney is proud to chauffeur you to the 3rd Annual Wine & Jazz Festival at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Vintage wines, great jazz and beautiful gardens are the stars of this fun, highly anticipated annual event. Hear the region's finest jazz artists perform live, including local favorites Joe Baione and Joanna Pascale; enjoy great wines from around the state; and indulge in delectable light fare as you relax amid the splendor of spring at Longwood. (SF)

Virginia Tattoo and Baltimore, MD 4-Day Tour – Sat.-Tues., May 2nd-5th - $849 pp./do. – See the largest Tattoo in the U.S., the Virginia International Tattoo and enjoy some wonderful adventures in Baltimore. Visit the Edgar Cacey Association for Research & Enlightenment, the Norfolk Botanical Garden and the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Splash down on a Baltimore 'Duck' Tour and visit the National Aquarium of Baltimore. (SF)

Montreal and Quebec-6-Day Tour – Sun.-Fri. — Jun. 14th-19th - $1325 pp./do. - Montreal is a unique blend of old-world charm and new world glitz. Hampton Jitney is very excited to return to our Northern neighbors again this spring. There is a great deal to see and do, so come along for an exciting journey – you won't be disappointed. You will have guided tours of Montreal, Basilique Saint Anne de Beaupré and Montmorency Falls, have some wonderful meals and do more sightseeing and shopping on your way home through Vermont & Massachusetts. **PLEASE NOTE: PASSPORTS, PASSPORT CARDS OR EDL'S (ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSES) WILL BE REQUIRED FOR RE-ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES (AS OF JUNE 1, 2009).** (SF)

Also Available:

Quilt Festival of New Jersey - Sat., 3/7 (NF)
"Billy Elliot" Sat., 3/7 (SF)
"Jersey Boys" – Wed., 3/11 (NF)
St. Patrick's Festival at Platzl Brauhaus – Tues., 3/17 (NF)
"Guys & Dolls" – Wed., 3/18 (SF)
Spring Shopping Tour in NYC – Fri., 3/20 (NF)
"Wizard of Oz" at the Theatre at Madison Square Garden – Sat., 3/28 (NF)
"Hair" – Sat., 3/28 & 4/25 (SF)
"West Side Story" – Wed., 4/1 (NF) (SF) **Wed., 6/3** (SF)
Quilters Heritage Celebration – Fri.-Sat., 4/3-4 (NF)

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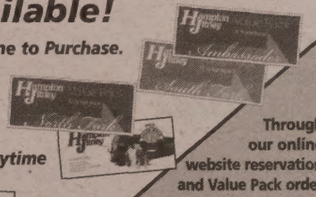

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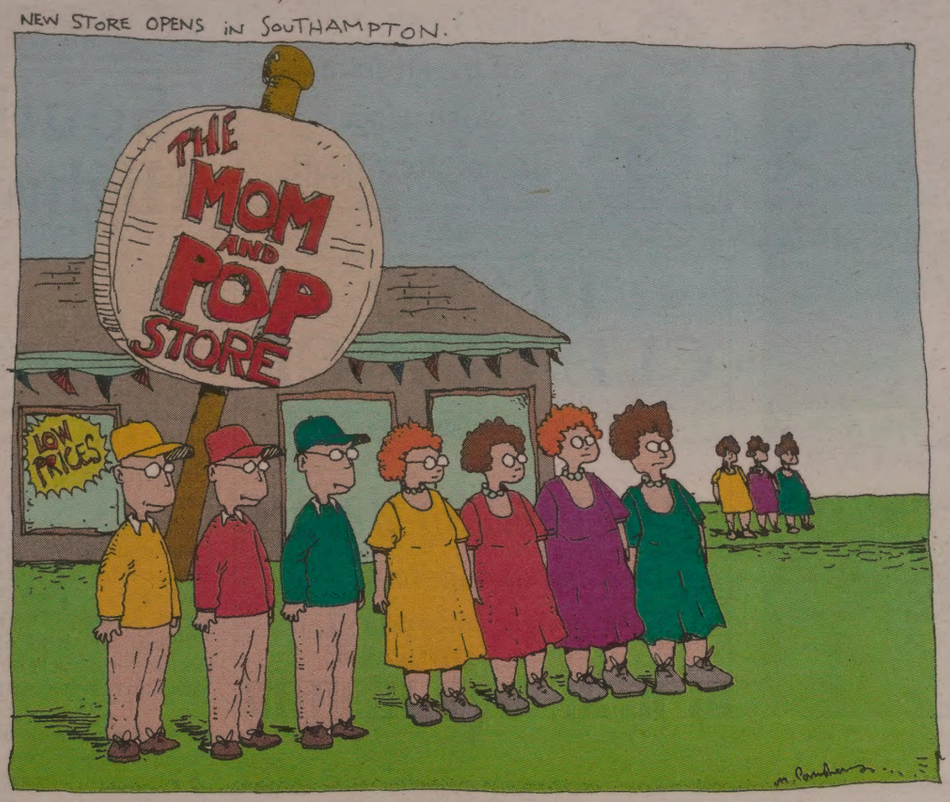

Oil War

Why the Press Matters & How, on the East End, You Can Save $1,000

By Dan Rattiner

If there was ever an issue that would demonstrate the value of having a free press on the East End, it is the issue now developing into a battle between the State of New York and the oil companies about gas prices here on the East End. Without the press, you can continue to count on paying more at the pump out here than you do anywhere else on Long Island. With the press, the New York State Legislature's attempts to stop this practice stand a chance.

As you probably know, as soon as you get past Riverhead into the tony communities of the North Fork and the Hamptons, the prices posted in gas stations rise. The farther east you go, the higher they go. You can pay $1 a gallon more in Montauk than you would pay for the same gas from the same oil company in Riverhead..

Thus it has been for as long as I have lived out here, which is half a century. I am told that even the Indians, before the white man came, had this trouble. With the money spent by the oil lobbies in Albany, attempts at various times over the years to change this have consistently failed. Elections are always coming up for those in Albany, and there is only so much they can do to fight the influence peddling of these behemoths.

To make matters worse, this inequity is always right there, right in your face, on the state mandated big letters on the signs in all the gas stations. It's $1.85 in Riverhead, $2.25 in Hampton Bays, $2.50 in Montauk. It is not only right in your face, it is explained quite clearly by the oil companies, when asked, that it is at their whim. They charge more in one place than in another because those in the first place can afford more than the other. And it is collusion among the oil companies. Zone pricing, as they call it, is "healthy for the economy," in the words of Cathy Kenny of the New York State Petroleum Council.

Into this scene, on his white horse, there has come Fred Thiele, our local assemblyman, who two years ago threw down the gauntlet. You don't charge more for the same thing in one place than in another. It's against the law.

On November 24, Thiele, a Republican, urged Assemblyman Adam Bradley, a Democrat from Westchester, to create a bill prohibiting zone pricing, which, strangely, the oil lobbyists did not fight. It passed. And it was signed into law.

Everyone soon found out why Big Oil's resistance to this law was so tepid. They had no intention of complying with it. And they are not.

The reason, they say, is that it does not apply to them because of how the law is worded. The law DOES apply to those small mom and pop gas stations who use off-brand gasoline, because they use "wholesalers" to cart the oil to them.

The law prevents "wholesalers" from engaging in this practice. (That's where zone pricing is added.) And they, Big Oil, do not use wholesalers. They truck the gas from the refineries to the retailers themselves. They have their own trucks. They are one big happy family. So they don't have to obey this law.

At the present time, you will see that at each of the 10 or so mom and pop stations in the Hamptons, (where, among other things, you can get an auto mechanic, friendly service and sometimes bait and tackle), the price of gas is substantially LOWER than at the Gulf, Exxon, Hess and other big oil stations. It is exactly the same as it is up-island.

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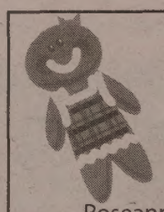

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

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Amagansett's **Alec Baldwin** was recently honored by the Tisch School of the Arts at a gala held at Lincoln Center's Rose Hall. In attendance were East Hampton's **Jonathan and Lizzie Tisch** and **Andrew** and **Ann Tisch**. Honored alongside Baldwin for their achievements in the arts were **Maurice Kanbar**, **Iris Cantor** and **Zelda Fichandler**.

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The Montauk Monster might have washed ashore months ago, but his legacy lives on — in a Brazilian Volkswagen ad.

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On Sunday, January 25, **Linda B. Shapiro** will host a special event benefiting OLA & OLA YG (Younger Generation), the East End's premier Latino organization. The event will be held at Townline BBQ/La Fondita in Wainscott, from 3-5 p.m. Chef Joe Realmuto's fabulous menu will feature chips & pico de gallo, quesadillas, chicken flautas, tinga tostados, calamari cocktail, al pastor skewers and more. Live music and a cash bar round out the afternoon's festivities. Tickets are $15 and space is limited. Contact Shapiro for more information and reservations at 631-329-5480.

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Hamptons resident **Donna Karan** recently announced that she has dropped fur from her collections. Karan, who has been protested by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, released a statement saying that there is no fur in any of her Fall 2009 lines, and has no plans for fur in future lines. Karan's move follows those made by fellow Hamptons designers **Ralph Lauren**, **Tommy Hilfiger** and **Calvin Klein**, who all recently stopped using fur and skins in their clothing lines.

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Amagansett celebrity lawyer **Michael J. Griffith** will be the basis of a character in the forthcoming novel, *Skeleton Justice*, published by Alfred A. Knopf. The authors are Griffith's good friends, **Dr. Michael Baden** and **Linda Kenney Baden**.

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Hamptonite **John Catsimatidis**, who has built supermarket and oil empires, told **Bruce Littlefield**, the lifestyle author, that he would like to do a book on New York — the love of his life. Littlefield has previously written books with many celebrities.

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Southampton's **Calvin Klein** is seeking permission from the village's Board of Historic Preservation and Architectural Review to demolish his oceanfront home and replace it with a house half the size. The Meadow Lane estate was originally built by **Henry Francis du Pont** in the 1920s and has a storied past. Prior to Klein, its owners included **Francesco Galesi**, **"Baby" Jane Holzer**, **John Samuels III** and **Barry Trupin**. The 6.6-acre property is assessed at $32 million.

Hampton Jitney Winter/Spring 2009 Schedule

Effective Thurs., Jan. 8 through Wed., May 6, 2009

To Manhattan MONTAUK LINE

Westbound

▮ READ DOWN / AM LIGHT PM BOLD	Sat Only	Sun thru Fri SH.MA* Only Sat.	Mon thru Sat.	A Mon thru Fri SH.MA* Sat Only	7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	Sun, Mon & Fri	A 7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	A Sun thru Fri	7 Days	W Sun Only	▮ 7 Days	W Sun Only	W Sun Only	7 Days	W 7 Days	W Sun Only
DEPARTING Montauk		4:30	—	—	6:30	7:30	—	—	9:30	—	11:30	12:30	1:30	—	—	3:15	3:45	—	4:45	5:30	6:30	7:45
DEPARTING Napeague		4:35	—	—	6:35	7:35	—	—	9:35	—	11:35	12:35	1:35	—	—	3:20	3:50	—	4:50	5:35	6:35	7:50
DEPARTING Amagansett		4:45	5:45	6:20	6:50	7:50	8:50	9:35	9:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	1:50	1:55	2:35	3:35	4:05	4:35	5:05	5:50	6:50	8:05
DEPARTING East Hampton		4:55	5:55	6:30	7:00	8:00	9:00	9:45	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	2:05	2:45	3:45	4:15	4:45	5:15	6:00	7:00	8:15
DEPARTING Wainscott		5:00	6:00	—	7:05	8:05	9:05	9:50	10:05	11:05	12:05	1:05	2:05	2:10	2:50	—	4:25	—	5:20	6:05	7:05	8:20
DEPARTING Sag Harbor		—	—	—	—	8:00	—	—	10:00	—	—	1:00	—	—	3:00	4:00	4:30 ▮	5:00	—	6:05	—	8:15
DEPARTING Bridgehampton		5:05	6:05	6:45	7:15	8:15	9:15	10:00	10:15	11:15	12:15	1:15	2:15	2:20	3:00	4:15	4:35	—	5:30	6:15	7:15	8:30
DEPARTING Water Mill	▼	5:10	6:10	6:50	7:20	8:20	9:20	10:05	10:20	11:20	12:20	1:20	2:20	2:30	3:10	▼	4:45	5:10	5:35	6:20	7:20	8:35
DEPARTING Southampton	4:45	5:15•	6:25	7:00•	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:15	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	2:45	3:30		5:00	5:30	5:45	6:30	7:30	8:45
DEPARTING Manorville	5:10	5:40•	6:55	7:25•	7:55	—	—	—	10:55	—	12:55	1:55	2:55	—	3:55	▼	5:25	—	—	6:55	7:55	9:10
ARRIV Airport Connection ✈	6:35	7:05	8:35	9:00	9:35	10:20	11:20	12:05	12:20	1:20	2:20	3:20	4:20	4:35	5:20	—	6:50	7:20	7:35	8:20	9:20	10:35
ARRIV Midtown Manhattan 🏙	6:45	7:20	8:45	9:10	9:45	10:30	11:30	12:15	12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	4:45	5:30	6:20	7:00	7:30	7:45	8:30	9:30	10:45

To The Hamptons MONTAUK LINE

Eastbound

▮ READ DOWN / AM LIGHT PM BOLD	Sat Only	7 Days	Mon thru Sat	A Mon thru Sat	7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	A Sun, Mon & Fri	7 Days	‡ 7 Days	‡ 7 Days	‡ Sun thru Thurs	Fri & Sat	Fri Only	B ♦ 7 Days	A Mon thru Fri	▮ 7 Days	Fri Only	7 Days	Mon thru Thurs & Sat	Sun & Fri	7 Days
DEPARTING Manhattan / 86th St.	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	5:00	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	8:00	9:00	9:30	11:00
DEPARTING Manhattan / 69th St.	7:35	8:35	9:35	10:05	10:35	11:35	12:35	1:05	1:35	2:35	3:35	4:35	5:05	5:05	5:35	6:05	6:35	7:05	8:05	9:05	9:35	11:05
DEPARTING Manhattan / 59th St.	7:40	8:40	9:40	10:10	10:40	11:40	14:40	1:10	1:40	2:40	3:40	4:40	5:10	5:10	5:40	6:10	6:40	7:10	8:10	9:10	9:40	11:10
DEPARTING Manhattan / 40th St.	8:00	9:00	10:00	10:30	11:00	12:00	1:00	1:30	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	5:30	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:00	11:30
DEPARTING Airport Connection ✈	8:20	9:20	10:20	10:50	11:20	12:20	1:20	1:50	2:25	3:25	4:25	5:25	5:55	—	6:25	6:55	7:25	7:55	8:50	9:50	10:20	11:50
ARRIV Manorville	9:30	10:30	11:30	—	—	1:30	2:30	—	3:30	4:50‡	5:50‡	6:45‡	—		7:35	8:05	8:35	—	10:00	11:00	11:30	1:00
ARRIV Southampton	10:00	11:00	12:00	12:30	1:00	2:00	3:00	3:30	4:00	5:20‡	6:20‡	7:10‡	7:30		8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:30	11:30	12:00	1:30
ARRIV Water Mill	10:05	11:05	12:05	12:35	1:05	2:05	3:05	3:35	4:05	5:25‡	6:25‡	7:15‡	7:35		8:05	8:35	9:05	9:35	10:35	11:35	12:05	1:35
ARRIV Bridgehampton	10:15	11:15	12:15	12:45	1:15	2:15	3:15	3:45	4:15	5:35‡	6:35‡	7:25‡	7:45		8:15	8:45	9:15	9:45	10:45	11:45	12:15	1:45
ARRIV Sag Harbor	—	11:20	—	—	—	2:20	—	—	4:20	—	6:40‡	—	7:50		—	—	9:20 ▮	9:50	—	11:50	12:20	—
ARRIV Wainscott	10:20	11:20	12:20	—	1:20	2:20	3:20	3:50	4:20	5:40‡	6:40‡	7:30‡	—	▼	8:20	8:50	9:20	—	10:50	11:50	12:20	1:50
ARRIV East Hampton	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:30	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:50‡	6:50‡	7:40‡	—	7:50	8:30	9:00	9:30	—	11:00	12:00	12:30	2:00
ARRIV Amagansett	10:40	11:40	12:40	1:10	1:40	2:40	3:40	4:10	4:40	6:00‡	7:00‡	7:50‡	—	8:00	8:40	9:10	9:40	—	11:10	12:10	12:40	2:10
ARRIV Napeague	10:55	11:55	12:55	—	—	2:55	3:55	—	4:55	6:15‡	7:15‡	8:00‡	—	8:10	8:55♦	—	9:55	—	—	12:25	12:55	2:25
ARRIV Montauk	11:00	12:00	1:00	—	—	3:00	4:00	—	5:00	6:20‡	7:20‡	8:10‡	—	8:20	9:00♦	—	10:00	—	—	12:30	1:00	2:30

To Manhattan WESTHAMPTON LINE

Westbound

▮ READ DOWN / AM LIGHT PM BOLD	Mon thru Fri	7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	Fri thru Mon	7 Days	Sun,& Mon	Sun Only	W 7 Days	W Sun Only
DEPARTING Hampton Bays	5:00	6:10	8:15	10:15	12:15	2:15	3:15	4:45	6:15	7:15	8:30
DEPARTING East Quogue	5:05	6:15	8:20	10:20	12:20	2:20	3:20	4:50	6:20	7:20	8:35
DEPARTING Quogue	5:15	6:25	8:30	10:30	12:30	2:30	3:30	5:00	6:30	7:30	8:45
DEPARTING Westhampton	5:25	6:35	8:40	10:40	12:40	2:40	3:40	5:10	6:40	7:40	8:55
ARRIV Airport Connection ✈	7:05	8:35	10:20	12:20	2:20	4:20	5:20	6:50	8:20	9:20	10:35
ARRIV Manhattan 🏙	7:20	8:45	10:30	12:30	2:30	4:30	5:30	7:00	8:30	9:30	10:45

To The Hamptons WESTHAMPTON LINE

Eastbound

▮ READ DOWN / AM LIGHT PM BOLD	Fri thru Mon	Mon thru Sat	7 Days	7 Days	‡ 7 Days	7 Days	Mon thru Thurs & Sat	Sun & Fri
DEPARTING Manhattan / 86th St.	8:30	9:30	11:30	1:30	3:30	5:30	6:30	9:00	9:30
DEPARTING Manhattan / 69th St.	8:35	9:35	11:35	1:35	3:35	5:35	6:35	9:05	9:35
DEPARTING Manhattan / 59th St.	8:40	9:40	11:40	1:40	3:40	5:40	6:40	9:10	9:40
DEPARTING Manhattan / 40th St.	9:00	10:00	12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	7:00	9:30	10:00
DEPARTING Airport Connection ✈	9:20	10:20	12:20	2:25	4:25	6:25	7:25	9:50	10:20
ARRIV Westhampton	10:50	11:50	1:50	3:50	6:10‡	7:50	8:50	11:15	11:45
ARRIV Quogue	10:55	11:55	1:55	3:55	6:15‡	7:55	8:55	11:20	11:50
ARRIV East Quogue	11:05	12:05	2:05	4:05	6:25‡	8:05	9:05	11:30	12:00
ARRIV Hampton Bays	11:10	12:10	2:10	4:10	6:30‡	8:10	9:10	11:35	12:05

To Lower Manhattan MONTAUK LINE

Westbound

▮ READ DOWN / AM LIGHT PM BOLD	Fri PM	LW Sun PM	Mon AM
DEPARTING Amagansett	—	6:20	5:00
DEPARTING East Hampton	—	6:30	5:10
DEPARTING Wainscott	—	6:35	5:15
DEPARTING Bridgehampton	—	6:45	5:20
DEPARTING Water Mill	—	6:50	5:25
DEPARTING Southampton	12:15	7:00	5:30
ARRIV Manorville	12:40	7:25	5:55
ARRIV Lower Manhattan	2:30	9:00	7:45

To The Hamptons MONTAUK LINE

Eastbound

▮ READ DOWN / AM LIGHT PM BOLD	Fri PM
DEPARTING Battery Park City - South End Ave. & Albany Across from Gristedes	4:15
DEPARTING Financial District - Water St. & Broad St. - Southeast corner of Water St. and Broad St., in front of Chase Bank	4:30
DEPARTING South Street Seaport - Pearl St. & Fulton St. - East Side of Pearl Street, in front of Wendy's	4:35
DEPARTING Peter Cooper Village - 1st Ave. & 23rd St. - East Side of 1st Ave. (between 23rd & 20th), in front of Board of Education Building	4:55
ARRIV Manorville	6:45
ARRIV Southampton	7:10
ARRIV Water Mill	7:15
ARRIV Bridgehampton	7:25
ARRIV Wainscott	7:30
ARRIV East Hampton	7:40
ARRIV Amagansett	7:50

Lower Manhattan Westbound
MTA Bus Stop Drop-off Locations:

- 2nd Ave. & 34th St.
- 2nd Ave. & 22nd St.
- 2nd Ave. & 14th St.
- 2nd Ave. & 9th St.
- West Side of Allen St. & E. Houston St.
- West Side of Pearl St. & Fulton St.
- North Side of Water St. & Broad St.
- State St. & Battery Place (Bowling Green Subway Station)
- Church St. & Cortlandt St. (Connection to Path Trains to NJ.)
- South End Avenue

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Select trips have letters or symbols above them. The following defines the codes.

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These trips do not include Sag Harbor on Fri (Eastbound) and Sun. (Westbound)

W These trips drop off on the Westside Midtown/Uptown Westside drop offs are 86th St. & Central Park West, 86th St. & Broadway, 79th St. & Broadway, 72nd St. & Broadway and 64th St. & Broadway

LW The Lower Manhattan trip drops off on the Westside. Drop offs are on 6th Avenue at the following cross streets: Bleeker St., 14th, 23rd & 32nd at the MTA stops.

These trips guarantee Sag Harbor passengers will never be required to transfer prior to their arrival

This trip will not go to Napeague and Montauk on Tues. and Wed.

These trips arrive approximately 20 minutes earlier on Sat. and Sun.

Airport Connections. Hampton Jitney airport connection stops are convenient to JFK, LaGuardia and IslipMacArthur airports. Detailed information is located in the Westbound and Eastbound notes section on the other side.

ARRIVAL TIMES ARE ESTIMATES AND CAN VARY DUE TO WEATHER, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND DAY OF WEEK. HAMPTON JITNEY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

ON CERTAIN TRIPS, PASSENGERS MAY BE REQUIRED TO TRANSFER.

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CELL PHONE POLICY: *All phones must be turned off. Urgent calls only;* limited to a total of 3-minutes.

ALL LUGGAGE: Must have ID tag. HJ liability maximum $250. All checked luggage and packages are subject to search

RESERVATIONS Reservations are required to guarantee a seat. Please call if you must change or cancel a reservation; please do not double book. "No shows" may be charged full fare.

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LOWER MANHATTAN SERVICE: Weekend Service to and from Lower Manhattan continues this winter.

MEADOWLANDS SERVICE: As long as the Giants are still in the Playoffs, we will continue our round-trip Meadowlands service.

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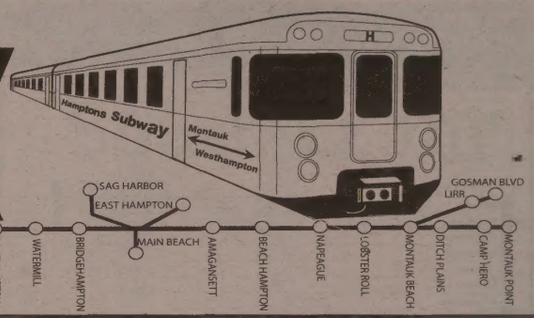
THE HAMPTON SUBWAY NEWSLETTER



"Along with the New York Subway System, Hampton's Subway is the only underground transit system in the State of New York."

By Dan Rattiner
Week of January 9 to 15, 2009

Riders this week: 6,482
Rider miles this week: 61,010
"Happy New Year" – the staff

DELAY

We regret the one hour delay that occurred last Wednesday on the Southampton to Westhampton B line when a man dressed as Santa Claus got his bicycle jammed in the closing doors at Hampton Bays. Bicycles are not allowed anywhere on the subway.

DOWN IN THE TUBE

Nobody of any renown was seen riding any of our subway trains this week, unless you want to consider that Suffolk County Commissioner Steve Levy would qualify. He was on the D train between Sag Harbor and Noyac last week, apparently meeting a town supervisor or somebody in Noyac. We couldn't quite make out who that was. He mumbles sometimes. But I guess we all do.

FREE RIDE PROGRAM EVALUATED

Our free ride home program for those too drunk to drive after midnight on New Year's Eve was a sort of mixed success. We kept the subway open until 4 a.m. instead of the usual 3 a.m., and we had "helpers," wearing little elf hats in each car to help guide the revelers to where they wanted to go. Actually the "helpers" were token booth operators. We closed the booths at midnight so they could do this, which was made possible because of the Commissioner's decision to just open the turnstiles to all riders after that hour.

Although everybody got home just fine during the night, there were some people who were too confused by it all who just went around and around the system trying to figure it all out. Others simply fell asleep aboard the subways on the seats all night, which was okay with us, while others got off at certain stops, realized they were wrong and then got out tokens for the turnstiles to get back on and were befuddled when the turnstiles didn't work when they put the money in. Almost nobody asked any of the "helpers" for directions home. And two days later, there were still people on the subway still riding around and around. As I said, it was a mixed bag. Maybe next year, it will go better.

PROGRAM TO REMOVE OIL FOUNDERS

Frank Houseknecht, the young entrepreneur who last month offered to take the 3.1 billion barrels of oil that had seeped into the new construction tunnel intended to connect North Haven to Foxwoods, has apparently reneged on his offer.

His original offer was almost too good to be true. He offered to remove all the oil so we could start up construction again for free. Now, he says, with the value of the oil plummeting, he says he will require that we pay $40 a barrel for him to do this.

We had a signed contract with this man. Obviously, we will not pay him a dime after he's offered to take it off our hands for nothing. We await further developments.

PAUSE FOR VIEW

Some say that when the subway slows while rounding the horseshoe curve along the north side of Trout Pond in Noyac, you can almost see above ground. For those interested, we are going to have the D train come to a complete stop for five seconds as it makes this turn so people can enjoy this.

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WINTER SPECIALS

Angel Tips Nail Spa

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Bridgehampton Commons
2102 Montauk Hwy
Bridgehampton N.Y.
(Next Door To T.J. Maxx)

Manicure $11
Manicure & Pedicure $36
Mon - Wed
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15 Minute Mini Massage $20
Mon - Wed
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Acrylic Filling & Pedicure $49
Mon - Wed
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Waxing
Eyebrow $9
Lip $8 Chin $9
Mon - Wed
With This Coupon

We accept Walk-Ins

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Acrylic Full Set $45
Mon-Wed

Angel Dream Super Spa Pedicure & 30 Min Reflexology $85

NOT TO BE COMBINED

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Oil

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Do yourself a favor. Get your gas at the mom and pop stations. You know where they are. You will save yourself about $1,000 a year if this battle drags on for that length of time in the courts, and you just may force Big Oil to lower their price too because of how you are now voting at the pump.

Assemblyman Thiele, at this point, is going to draft an amendment to "fix" this loophole in the law at the beginning of this new session in Albany. And for that, I suspect, he will come up against stiff big oil resistance. So he needs your help.

Thiele issued a press release last week about this, in which, incredibly, he seems to be blaming his partner on this bill across the aisle, Bradley, with changing the wording of the bill to allow for this loophole while drafting it (and to put it under his own name and take credit for it: The Bradley Bill.) One would think if he did that, which he did, it was at the behest of Big Oil. Or maybe it was just an honest mistake. Let's hope.

Thiele stated in his press release: "My original bill on zone pricing, A.2641, clearly outlawed zone pricing of gasoline without exception. The bill that was adopted by the Assembly majority, A.9136, provided that only zone pricing by wholesalers was illegal.

"Most of the major oil companies are refiners, wholesalers and retailers. These companies are now claiming that since they are also refiners and retailers, that the law does not apply to them. While such a construction defies logic, it is important that there be no question about its enforcement."

With the press release, Bradley crumbled. He will sponsor an amendment that will reflect Thiele's original thinking. Zone pricing will be illegal regardless of whom in the distribution process engages in it. If it passes. No doubt Big Oil will be weighing in big time against it.

Charging the well-to-do more is a practice that our government should have the right to do in an open and aboveboard manner. And they surely do.

But it is illegal for private companies, in collusion with one another, to engage in zone pricing that will force one group to pay more and another less for the same thing.

The light of day will have to shine on this one. If the press does that, we will all win. If the press does not do that, the state legislature will decide that no, we don't think it is a good idea to make this amendment. We weren't influenced by Big Oil, of course. We just think not. And of course, as everyone can plainly see, nobody is noticing.

Susan Galardi

Benson Down

Loss of Another Architectural & Cultural Treasure in the Hamptons

By Dan Rattiner

At 8:30 a.m. last Thursday, people driving by the former Elaine Benson Art Gallery on Main Street in Bridgehampton saw a sight that few thought they would ever see. There were bulldozers lined up on the street and in the yard, workmen with hard hats everywhere, and there was little doubt about what was going to happen. The magnificent, 120-year-old main house of the gallery, a mansion built as solid as a rock in the late Victorian style originally by a successful local merchant, was about to be torn down.

Several people called the police. And the police alerted the Town Building Department, which, a few hours later, issued a stop work order, which was driven from Southampton to the site and nailed to a tree on the property, but by that time it was noon and it was all over.

Between 8:30 and 11 a.m., with the great cracking sounds of solid wood and shingles and with the crash of broken glass, including several pieces from decorative windows on the top floor, this icon of Bridgehampton had been turned into a pile of construction debris. The deed was done. Numerous spectators who had stood around to watch were near tears. The building inspector who had put up the sign at noon amidst the construction dust was just the icing on the cake.

There are some who say that the new owner of this building, businessman Joe Farrell, was operating outside his rights by tearing down this house, but the truth is he was not. He had a valid demolition permit, issued on June 6 for just this purpose. He had for two years prior made his intentions known, that he had bought the building to restore it if he could put his business office in it or, if he couldn't, tear it down and put up an office building to accomplish that fact. As it turned out, nobody in Town Hall or anywhere else would spend the preservation fund money to buy this gem and save it. And in the end, though the town had voted to give a preservation group another 30 days to have a final go at saving the building and had authorized a clerk to send Farrell a letter instructing him that there would be this delay, no letter was ever written. Farrell was within his rights.

But how, looking at the bigger picture, could this ever have been allowed to happen?

The former Elaine Benson Art Gallery is one

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WHY MADOFF NEVER SPENT HIS $50 BILLION

By Dan Rattiner

I have been trying to understand exactly what it is that Bernie Madoff did. I know what a Ponzi scheme is. The part I have trouble with is this — where did the $50 billion go?

Fifty billion dollars would bail out GM, Ford and Chrysler three times. We could support approximately 200,000 workers for three years for $50 billion.

Madoff, on the other hand, is just one man. The world would have us believe that over the past 10 years he secretly spent $50 billion. I do not think this is possible, or certainly not possible without him being very much in the public eye. Donald Trump is in the public eye. He has corporate jets and beauty contests and gambling casinos and skyscrapers. Trump's net worth is about $3 billion.

Madoff has a rather ho hum oceanfront mansion in the Hither Hills section of Montauk. He has an apartment in Manhattan on Fifth Avenue that is valued not at $50 million but $7 million. He has a house in Palm Beach. With his other homes and a few cars here and there, it seems he is living the life of a rich man, but not a super rich man. Think about it. He has not spent $50 billion dollars.

So where did it all go?

To get the answer, let's look at how his Ponzi scheme worked.

He persuaded somebody to send him $1 million with the promise that at the end of the year it would be worth $1.1 million because he was such a good stock picker. Whoever took this first dive into the scheme was so happy with the piece of paper that Madoff sent him telling him he now had $1.1 million that he chose not to withdraw his money. In fact, Madoff had bought the $1 million in stock, but it did not make the $100,000. He was lucky his investor did not ask for it to be paid out.

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This man who "made" this money then told his friends about Madoff's amazing abilities, and 10 other people also put up $1 million each and made the $100,000 in one year. Some of them asked for the payout. Madoff had it.

At the end of the second year, therefore, Madoff had $11 million invested in stock, but told people what he really had was $12.1 million, the last $1.1 million being the profit in cash, that had been made. In fact, though he did make a small profit, it was nowhere near able to throw off the $1.1 million if everybody were to ask for it at one time. And so he began keeping cash on hand from some of his new money, and not buying the stocks. He could use this new money to pay the "profit" he promised to the old investors.

Based on this procedure, more and more people lined up to give Madoff more money to invest and less and less of it wound up in stocks. At some point, he had been given $1 billion by 1,000 people — that's $1 million each — and lets say five years had gone by, so he had promises to pay out $100 million a year, compounded annually. On paper, he had $1.6 billion.

Let's stop here a moment. He now actually had a quite a bit of what he was supposed to have in cash. The rest had been paid out to get new investors. And the rest, he just plain owed, but did not have, but lived in the hopes that nobody else would ask for it and still more people would come along and sign up and give him still newer cash.

As you can see, this is getting way, way out of hand, with less and less stock bought and less and less cash on hand as Madoff continued to pay out successfully.

And so, though the early people who got involved were paid huge profits — so they could tell others — the later people just got to give Bernie the money so he could drop it into the abyss. This is not pretty.

So there is where the money went. Madoff, I guess, never spent any huge sum at all. He just engineered everything. And lots of people early on made out great. And then for the rest, when they got to the front of the line, the cupboard was bare.

The point I am making is this. If you follow the money, there are probably 5,000 people who walked away counting their profits. But there are 45,000 people who got none. And there was Madoff, who may have lived high for a while, but never really all that high, and now he's broke and, in addition, wearing an ankle bracelet.

It's like Las Vegas. Madoff owns the casino. But the casino didn't work out very well. Most everybody who went in there lost something. But a few, especially the early spenders, hit jackpots. And now the casino went bust. So there you are.

Of course, everybody trusted Madoff, and he lied because he so enjoyed being the magic man. You can't forgive him that. As for the $50 billion, Madoff doesn't have it, and the 45,000 don't have it. But about 5,000 people have a good part of it, maybe even having, over the years, doubled their money. C'est la vie.

Just call it a restructuring. The authorities say that maybe the 5,000 winners will have to just restructure most of all they won back to the 45,000 losers. We shall see.

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COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

The three middle aged men who were arrested for selling counterfeit subway tokens on the Southampton platform three weeks ago have been returned to their native Andorra, that little country between Spain and France, after it was found that they spoke no English at all and whatever language they did speak could not be identified by anyone.

Hampton Subway has not used tokens since last July, when it converted to swipe cards. Nevertheless, these tokens are very beautiful, handmade things. We think they make great souvenirs or even necklaces if you string them together. We are offering them on eBay at a BUY IT NOW price of 99 cents each. Get them as long as supplies last. See our offering as item #34812114155264B36kj333as410-332.

We learned to send the men back to Andorra after they pointed to that country on a map.

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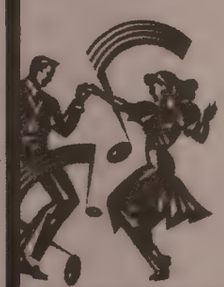

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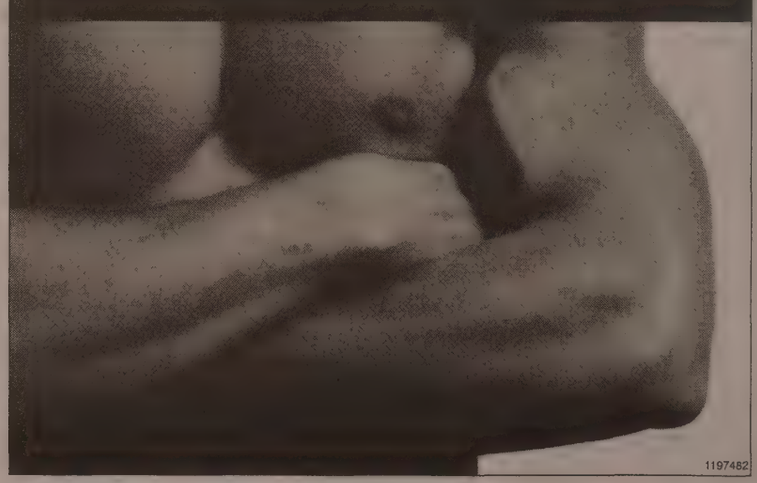

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Christian Wolffer, 70

Hamptons Icon Killed by a Speedboat while Swimming in Brazil

By Dan Rattiner

Christian Wolffer, the founder and owner of the Wolffer Estate Vineyards in Bridgehampton, was killed in Brazil on New Year's Eve, struck by a speedboat while swimming off a beach in Brazil. He was 70.

Wolffer was a leader in the grand tradition, an adventurer, a developer, a millionaire, a man with vision and imagination, who lived life to the fullest. Dashing and handsome, he was also a horseman, a lover of women, a world traveler and a good friend to all. He was best known here in the Hamptons for having purchased about 200 acres 20 years ago, and, with unerring skill, transforming it into one of the premiere wineries in this community. Before Wolffer, there were wineries on the North Fork, but none in the Hamptons. Two before him had tried and failed. Some said the weather was different here and a winery could not be done successfully on the South Fork. Wolffer proved them wrong, as his lush vineyards, visible just north of Montauk Highway between Town Line and Sagg Main, proved. On his property, he also built what is arguably the most beautiful winery building ever constructed here, a reproduction of a French chateau, where, among other things, fundraisers and weddings often take place amidst the most elegant background imaginable. He also built there the 100-acre Wolffer Estate Stables, where employees provide boarding, schooling, breeding and instruction.

Wolffer was born in 1939 in Hamburg and as a small boy lived through the bombing of his city during World War II. At 17, he worked as a trainee at a bank, and then as an employee of an import/export company. He later worked in Mexico, where he managed the sales force for a German chemical company, then for a European printing company in Latin America. He spoke six languages.

In 1971, at the age of 32, he moved to Canada, where he began developing real estate properties, primarily building indoor tennis and squash centers, funded by European investors he knew. Soon he was developing properties in countries all over the world. He often traveled as much as 200,000 miles a year.

In 1987, Wolffer moved to the United States, setting up a world headquarters in a small office building on the corner of Butter Lane

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BLAGOJEVICH IS GUILTY OF TELLING THE TRUTH

By Dan Rattiner

While the big headlines this week were about the governor of Illinois loudly demanding compensation in exchange for his appointing someone to Barack Obama's vacant senate seat, a smaller story unfolded here in New York State that might shed a little light on it.

Malcolm Smith, the idealistic Bronx legislator who is Governor David Patterson's nominee for State majority leader, was forced by Senate Democrats to hold a meeting in secret with three democratic dissident senators who said they could not support Smith unless he makes certain concessions to them. It turns out that without these three, a republican could be named majority leader.

The secret meeting was held, with the Governor in attendance, and when it was over, it was announced there had been an agreement and the three dissidents would receive top posts.

The next day, the deal unraveled. Smith said that after sleeping on it, "it became clear to me this was about personal interest and not about the reform that the senate democrats ran on."

One of the three dissidents, Pedro Espada Jr., who would have been given a newly activated high post said, "Malcolm Smith is not ready for prime time."

So what was the big crime that will very likely send Governor Rod Blagojevich to jail?

He said aloud what sometimes goes on in secret. He must be crazy. He will get the maximum.

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Guilt Trip

A Subaru, Betrayed Because of Cheap Gas, Retaliates

By Susan M. Galardi

While the Treasury Department continues on its course, meting out enormous sums of money to automakers and car loan lenders, the terminally ill industry has already been getting a super-sized bail out from another development: cheap gas.

With prices now as low as $1.49 a gallon (not on the East End, of course), the $25,000 Prius, with it's gas mileage of about 50 mpg, isn't as compelling as, say, a used Jeep Cherokee for $12K that gets 17 mpg. Cheap gas could mean a renewed interested in lower-priced, gas-guzzling SUVs. After all, when a full tank hovers around just $35, filling up becomes much less dramatic.

How much of an impact low gas prices will actually have on stimulating auto sales remains to be seen — after all, not many people are thinking about buying a car these days. Not to mention, no one knows how long gas prices will stay around $2.00/gallon. But what it surely is doing, in two-car households, is motivating people to choose luxury over economy.

My driveway is home to a silver Grand Cherokee and a black Subaru Outback wagon. The former gets about 15 to the gallon, the latter, around 25. Last summer, when a gallon of gas in the Hamptons neared the $5.00 mark, I would insist that the person who had to drive more used the Subaru. Mind you, it's not that my partner and I couldn't afford the higher priced spread. It was a political statement, a semi-boycott of the gluttonous oil industry. But filling the tank a few weeks ago, I realized the cost was half of what I paid during the summer. For some reason, the oil companies had become less greedy.

Quickly, I found myself going that extra mile. I'd take a drive just for the hell of it. Go look at the bay, then the ocean. I didn't plan out errands by town anymore as I had in the summer. There was less traffic and driving became pleasant. Yes, I was an American enjoying my automobile.

I doubt I was alone. I'm sure most people are driving more now, which could ultimately stimulate car sales: Increased usage means more wear and tear means, perhaps, the need for a new car sooner.

The combination of cheap gas and a renewed enjoyment of driving eventually influenced our decision on which car to take on our 1,000-mile holiday trip to Pittsburgh. Originally, we had planned to take the Subaru. It's a little smaller and less comfortable, but with 30% better mileage, it made sense. On a 1,000 mile trip, with a gallon of gas averaging $4.50, filling up the Subaru wouldn't cost more than $180. But the Jeep would set us back around $300. Not to men-

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ESTATE OF MIND
Real Estate Rants and Rumblings

THE FINE ART OF HOME PRICING

By T.J. Clemente

The inventory of homes on the market in the Hamptons is at a record level. Will they ever be sold? When? Will asking prices be swept away in a free fall?

The recent $26.5 million sale of a 2.3 acre oceanfront home on West End Drive in East Hampton is a case in point. Yes $26.5 million is serious money, especially in the post Madoff world of investments, but the fact is that the property was originally listed for $40 million (as of April 2008). Eight months later it sells for $13.5 million less, so what does that tell us?

Lynn Ronchetto, a real estate speculator who owns five properties in four states (all investments), believes at the moment there is a problem with what the owners will sell for and what the buyers will pay.

"I was looking around East Hampton just last week, and quite frankly the prices some people were asking was based on what price they wanted to get and not what the home is worth," she explained. Ronchetto believes many homes that are unrealistically priced will stay on the market forever. Jan Nelson a seasoned broker for Atlantic Beach Reality Group in Montauk, agrees. She predicts 2009 will be, "The year of the whine, as in whining about why won't my home sell." Nelson believes too many homes are overpriced and that no time frame will accomodate that in

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tion, we'd have to stop more often to fill the Jeep, and considering we were traveling with a five-year-old boy and five-month-old golden retriever puppy, we didn't need additional complication.

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Then came lower gas prices. Calculating at $2.00/gallon, the difference was a few Happy Meals and Starbuck's stops at best, so we took the Jeep.

Off we went, delighted at the well-below $2.00 price in New Jersey, giddy when we saw that $1.49 sign in Pennsylvania. We had filled up about 100 miles sooner, but I had to pump in a few gallons of that cheap gas, just for the thrill of it. We zipped through the mountains on the PA Turnpike, singing the yodeling song from *The Sound of Music* (the soundtrack to the trip) as goats and cows grazed on the hillsides. Just outside of Harrisburg we found ourselves lagging behind a black Subaru Outback that was going the speed limit, so we scooted around it. The driver looked like an ex-nun, adding to *The Sound of Music* theme. She started to flash us frantically. Strange. We had passed in a civilized manner, didn't cut her off. Even if we had, Subaru drivers aren't the vindictive type.

About 10 minutes later, we heard a loud pop! and rumbling drone. "We have a flat! Pull over," I yelled at my partner. The Jeep maneuvered well to the shoulder, and thankfully there was little traffic. We called emergency road service, and just 30 minutes later, a 20-something guy with a thick chain necklace, tattoos and a Harley Davidson t-shirt pulled up in a flatbed. In 15 minutes we were back on track to New Hope for the night.

The next day, we returned to East Hampton and the Subaru, moping in the driveway. The following morning, I got in, ready to take a trip to Sag Harbor. The engine didn't turn over. My imminently dependable Subaru had a dead battery that needed to be replaced. Good thing we didn't take it on the trip, I thought. We would've been stuck in Jersey, looking for a place to buy a battery on Christmas morning.

Then I thought of the black Subaru on the turnpike. Was it a message from the car gods that the Subaru would've prevailed where the Jeep failed? And now the Subaru was acting out becuase it didn't get to drive through the mountains dotted with cows and goats, cross the bridges over mighty rivers, nor dive into tunnels gouged into mountains. We were fair-weather friends to our Subaru, betraying it when conditions improved. And now it was payback — instant carma.

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this climate. A recent study showed the average time it takes to sell a home on Long Island is over 20 months. Nelson said it's much less than that in the Hamptons, perhaps eight months if the home is properly priced.

An owner of an independent East End agency said brokers must do delicate dance to get an exclusive listing while pricing it to move, rather than naming a figure that only the seller wants to hear. A Prudential Douglas Elliman agent in the Sag Harbor office told of a good friend who wanted $3 million for her home. The agent thought it should be listed at $1.75 million at best. "Our friendship has been strained," she said. "She thought I was throwing her under the bus to get a quick sale."

Stuart Epstein of Devlin McNiff discussed the effect of current closings. On that recent East Hampton sale, he was quoted as saying, "Every sale affects every other sale and the same goes for banks when they go to appraise it. This is now the benchmark."

What does all this mean? Investor Ronchetto, who has been trading homes for over 20 years, sees opportunity in this market and is trying to trade up. But with her Midwestern roots and value system, she still hasn't seen anything worth going for. "The homes I have been shown are worth less than my own and are priced higher. People seem convinced this market is not affecting the price they want for their home."

Agent Nelson also was of the mind that, without the right pricing, the timeframe to sell is eternity. "An overpriced home will not sell," she said. On the other end are the insulting offers. An agent told this reporter, "You show someone a home three times and then he makes an offer, practically half of the asking price, and says he can pay cash. These people have no shame."

So what is the right price? Epstein reportedly commented, "It's like a reset. All pricing is resetting, and we're in the middle of it and no one knows what anything is worth."

Frank Newbold a senior vice president with Sotheby's International Realty, speaking of the $26.5 million deal he brokered said in a recent interview, "It's dangerous to generalize from one sale, to say that if that is down 30% everything is down 30%. That is not the case at all."

But the price reduction was a selling factor according to Judi Desiderio, president of Town and Country Real Estate, who said she "would have counseled my seller to come down a lot more [originally]. Don't leave the price out there at $40 million." However Desiderio predicted this sale is "the beginning of a wave. I think we're going to see quite a few trades of very high-end properties going at a discount."

Not all agree. One broker who has closed on some of the largest deals believes the truest trophy properties will always be sold at a premium. "When someone really wants something, they pay happily, it makes them feel good that they can easily pay the price. It's like a gold Rolex with diamonds. If you want one today you pay the price even when gold is up."

TWENTYSOMETHING... By David Lion Rattiner

Live From Cali, Colombia

I'm writing to you from Cali, Colombia where I'm on vacation with my girlfriend, visiting her friends and family. I'm the tall white American around these parts. Needless to say, there are some cultural differences.

Cali, in the Southwestern part of Colombia, is a very active city. Despite my fear about going to the country (drug dealers, the Cali Cartel and the Guerilla military), I'm very glad I hopped on the plane. While those issues are real, they are not the culture of the country, but represent a problem that is dealt with and combated.

Driving in Colombia is no joke. The rules are pretty simple: don't die. It is not an uncommon sight to see a father driving a motorcycle with his young son tucked between him and his wife, none of them wearing helmets. It's also not uncommon to see beat-up busses packed to the gills driving around the city, with some people standing on platforms, completely exposed on the outside of the bus. As an American, this makes you almost want to jump out of the car and start yelling about how dangerous it is.

Other interesting sights include the architecture — almost all of the structures are made of concrete. Farming is a major activity outside of the city and an important part of the economy. Many of the farming trucks parade through the town, bringing an earthy smell to the air. Malls are exactly the same as they are in America. Although few Americans visit Cali, a lot of American companies do business here.

Unlike most countries I've visited, it is very cool to be an American in Columbia. Anything American is sought after, even deodorant. Colombians have an appreciation and respect for American culture, and all other cultures for that matter. It most likely stems from the variety of immigrants that have settled here. It's not that Colombians don't take pride in being Colombian (because they very much, almost annoyingly, do) but there isn't a feeling of anti-Americanism.

Few people speak English and I'm hesitant to speak in English anyway because I'd rather keep a low profile. But my biggest problem with some Latin immigrants to the U.S. is a lack of effort to learn English, even living full time in the U.S. I don't want to be a hypocrite, so I've spoken Spanish almost exclusively since I arrived, even speaking it poorly rather than running to Erika to translate. I'm amazed at how clearly I can think now that I'm pretty proficient in Spanish.

My Colombian adventure thus far has taken me to a river known as Rio Pance. Imagine thousands of people gathered in a white water rapids-like river that runs with ice cold, clean glacier water. If you live in Cali and need to cool off, you go either here or into the mountains to visit a family farm for relaxation. I lay in the river with the water rushing over me and then drank some fresh raspberry juice. All this after a run through a protected nature reserve that surrounds the river and an attempt to outdo a Colombian teenager in pull-ups. (I lost, managing to do seven in a row. He did 30).

I also drove in a Jeep in a small town in the mountains where Erika's uncle has a farm. We picked mandarins (like oranges) from a tree, had a huge dinner at his house with an endless supply of fresh chicken and fruits, all from the farm. San Francisco-granola-type people would love it. After that, I had a fresh cup of Colombian coffee, of course from beans off the farm. On the way back to the city I bought goat milk by the side of the road. It was the real deal.

Probably the biggest dissappointment in the trip so far was going to the Plaza De Toros to watch a bullfight. And while I'm running out of room for this column, all I can say is that I was at first excited to go, but left early when I realized that bullfighting is pretty much a public torture of a bull. I get that there is tradition to it and all, and that it is a big deal in Spain and Latin countries and that it is exciting to be in a stadium. I also don't mean to criticize, but at the end of the day, it is a bunch of guys poking a bull with knives then making it run through a cape for about 30 minutes and then stabbing it in the heart with a thin sword. Then you get to watch it die slowly as it collapses in the ring with blood gushing out of its mouth as it is dragged off by a rope drawn by a horse, all to loud applause.

I was happy to see a group of four Colombian protesters run out in they middle of the ring and hold up signs that read, "Stop Torturing Bulls" in Spanish. They were, of course, dragged off by police, but it was nice to know that I wasn't the only one who had a distaste for the spectacle.

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of a string of 11 original private homes that line the south side of Main Street in Bridgehampton for a quarter of a mile between the Community House to the east and the Methodist Church to the west. The Town acknowledged the importance of this fact when, five years ago, it passed a law requiring that future owners of any of these old homes larger than 3,000 square feet would need to provide apartments upstairs if the downstairs were to be used for commercial or public space. No further rules to protect this historic district were ever made, however. So no such strings were attached to what was probably the most magnificent of these homes to prevent it from being torn down.

Susan Galardi

According to realtor Paul Brennan, the house had been the home of dairy farmer Sayre Baldwin, whose farm, now Two Trees Farm on Mitchell Lane, is where the polo matches take place in the summer time. Baldwin was also, for 50 years, the chairman of the Board of the Bridgehampton Bank.

In 1964, however, this property on Main Street was purchased by Emanuel and Elaine Benson, who for the next half century developed it not only as the premiere art gallery in the Hamptons, but one of the major art galleries in the country.

Emmanuel Benson was the president of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and a distinguished art scholar. Twenty years earlier, the greatest artists in the world of abstract expressionism and later Pop Art — Pollock, de Kooning, Porter, Warhol and Rivers — lived and worked on the south fork of Long Island. But until Emanuel Benson and his wife Elaine moved here, there had been no gallery of any substance here in which to display it.

From 1963 until Elaine Benson died in 1998, every Friday afternoon in the summertime was a social occasion in the Hamptons where art buyers, writers, painters and patrons gathered by the hundreds, and came to the gallery openings for wine and cheese and to look at, and perhaps purchase, some of the greatest art in the world. The Bensons lived in the mansion. The gallery was built in a series of courtyards and barns that allowed indoor/outdoor displays of sculptures and artwork in the most attractive setting possible. As many as 500 people could be accommodated in the gallery area. Concerts were held there. Parties were held there. (My daughter got married there.) Attending an event at that gallery was an experience that few could forget.

The Bensons were not only personal friends of practically everyone in the Hamptons, including me, but Elaine Benson, for nearly 40 years, wrote a column in *Dan's Papers* that was a sort of diary of her life for that week. I attended many dinner parties at her house, which were attended by some of the most interesting people imaginable, and can attest to the fact that this building was a grand and strong structure right up until its last day 10 years ago. Also during that time, Elaine Benson took an active role editorially in the paper as an outspoken critic, and her name soon appeared on our masthead as "Faculty Advisor," which she surely was to us all.

The building certainly did need to have repairs after the passing of the Bensons. It was no longer occupied by them, although it was still filled with art and filing cabinets filled with all sorts of treasures. Attempts were made to archive the contents of the house, and one of her children, Kimberly Goff, continued on with the gallery for five years and continues to archive the contents to this day in a warehouse elsewhere. But in truth, and in respect to her parents, I think, she never lived in the gallery mansion.

I think it is possible that after eight years of neglect, a sturdy mansion would need much in the way of repairs. But that this particular one should be worn down to the point of collapse, making it so uninhabitable and, therefore, a danger to the community, and therefore a candidate for demolition would not be imaginable. Not this one. And yet, that is what it was so declared, once it was purchased by Farrell in 2006.

I have seen, over and over again, magnificent homes declared a wreck by those with different plans for them. The Town sends in its own inspectors and confirms it. Though I did not see the interior of the Benson Gallery after about 2002, so I cannot say that this was the case here. Nevertheless, I have gone through buildings supposedly so shaky that they are "beyond habitation," only to find them perfectly fine. This is surely a very sad state of affairs. New laws need to be written about who can determine when a town treasure is in such a state.

In any case, before Farrell came along, Goff had gone to the Town Planning Board to get approval to continue the gallery, only to be told that the uninsulated outbuildings, the barns and sheds were illegal and only allowed all that time because the gallery had been a pre-existing use for this property. Indeed, now, instead of three parking spaces that exist on the property, (everyone parked on the street during events) she'd need to have 19 parking spaces. As for the home, it did not qualify for commercial use, so she'd have to build a real building for the summer gallery — something that was beyond her means. So that was that.

The Farrells, during the two years they battled the Town to find something that would be appropriate on the property, were originally hoping to use the home as an office for their vast business holdings, and build an extension onto it for the gallery. The house could be kept, they were told, but upstairs there would have to be two apartments as required by law. There would also have to be major modifications to the building to make it suitable for commercial use. And they too would need all these parking spaces. They began to wonder where in there they could have their offices.

They made proposal after proposal to tear down the buildings and construct a new building, which would contain their offices above and the gallery below. They submitted plans in wood, in stone, in brick, in shingles. It went on and on. And finally it emerged, an office building with lots of parking, no apartments upstairs and no gallery space. The Town guided the project and shaped it, then approved it. And that was that.

And so, the village loses a monument and the Town puts up a screwed up stop work order after the place is down just for good measure. And oh, by the way, the beautiful details, the finials and gingerbread on the eaves and atop the roof of the mansion are gone. It's all gone. It's all gone.

For our collective future, we all deserve better than this.

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Hunger Strike Waged to Protest Hunting

By T.J. Clemente

It is a new year and while most people are focused on the meltdown of world economies, the wars in Iraq, Africa, Afghanistan or the violence in Gaza, Bill Crain, President of the East Hampton Group for Wildlife along with his pediatrician wife Ellen had a much more local focus.

On Monday, January 5, the Crains began a public protest against East Hampton Town Board's approval last summer of eight new hunting areas, five of which are open to big-game hunting with firearms. Mr. Crain 65, and his group chose the opening day of the Town's deer hunting season to start a three-day hunger strike to protest the expansion of hunting in East Hampton Town.

Photos by T.J. Clemente

Bill Crain, second from left, with supporters on day one

The Monday morning protest, which could be seen from Route 27 in front of the Town Hall buildings, was enthusiastically attended by a small crowd of 30 sympathizers andonlookers. Mr. Crain, a psychology professor at the City University of New York, also held a brief press conference at 11:30.

The Crains, part-time Montauk residents, are vegetarians who have been on the front lines of the animal rights issue. At the press conference, Mr. Crain explained his and his wife's actions by saying, "We're both 65 years old. The older I get, the more my heart goes out to animals and hunting and the factory farms where they can't even move. The treatment of animals is one of the great moral wrongdoings of our time."

Lynn Ryan, assistant to Supervisor McGintee, described the couple as "very sincere in what they believe." And in fact the Crains have been forthcoming with time, effort and money to help with deer-related issues. They and their group financed the reflectors used in a pilot program on Stephen Hands path. According to Mr. Crain, it has been quite effective in reducing accidents on that formerly deer-ridden stretch.

The group also financed a Frank Verret scientific study that put the East Hampton Town deer population at 3,300. Dr. Ellen Crain is disappointed the town is not keeping a commitment she believes they made in discussions, to follow up on the effectiveness of the reflectors as well as using contraceptives to help reduce the deer population humanely and thus prevent accidents. The Crains believe a moral society must "Stop the killing of animals."

Also attending, but with an opposite point of view, was Hugh Miles, 72, who has been a deer hunter for the last 50 years (bow and arrow primarily). Miles, who eats his kills, attended to protest the protest. He firmly believes that hunting is a tradition and a right that should be protected in East Hampton as well as across the country.

It was pointed out that Board member Brad Loewen was most in favor of expanding the hunting locations within the town, but the proposal actually came from the Town of East Hampton's Natural Resources Board. The Crains believe that the hearing to expand the hunting areas in town was held in August to avoid opposition.

Supporter Beverly Schanzer of Sag Harbor believes that the national fabric is changing do to the "absorbing of cruelty that we do to the animals." She feels there is too much violence already in the society and now it is spreading to the animal world. Virginia Frati, Director of the Wildlife Refuge Center of the Hamptons spoke of injured deer that are brought to her organization that are shot but not killed, and the suffering they endure.

The present hunting season in East Hampton lasts for the month of January, weekdays only, and all hunting must take place no closer than 500 feet from any residence. Shot guns, rifles, and bow and arrows are acceptable weapons, and a New York State Hunting License is required. The town clerk had no figures on how many East Hampton residents actually hunt.

Bob Silverstone of Montauk asked that it be noted that killing deer has no effect on reducing Lyme's disease, and that, due to the lead in buckshot, the deer meat (venison) is no longer distributed to the poor and hungry because of the fear of lead poisoning.

As for the hunger strike, Bill and Ellen Crain began a fast of only water on Sunday, January 4, at 7 p.m., and planned to continue it until 7 p.m. Thursday. They will make continued appearances in front of Town Hall to draw

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and Montauk Highway in Bridgehampton for his worldwide operations. And it was there, since his office was directly across the street from mine, that I came to meet this dashing man, who was then in the process of purchasing the potato farm in Bridgehampton that would soon be the centerpiece of his developments. He was in his late 40s at that time.

Wolffer was steady, good humored and dedicated. He was also athletic and smart. He had recently become divorced from his wife, Naomi Spencer, of Marks and Spencer in London, and he was starting over. They had two children who were, at that time, six and three. I was in a similar position in my personal life.

I went to many events at Wolffer's Estate, many of which I sponsored, including a bash for about 200 to celebrate the launch of the recent book I wrote, *In the Hamptons*, published by Random House last May.

I think it is fair to say that Wolffer was one of those men who was capable of making the dirt fly, of using his imagination, of rallying people around him and changing things for the better. An entrepreneur in the grand tradition, most of the things he did involved helping people enjoy their lives. He developed wineries (he had just purchased a part ownership in a winery in Argentina) and he built recreation facilities. Before coming to Bridgehampton, he bought the 5,000-acre Waimea Valley in Oahu that straddled the river leading down to the sea there, and though it didn't work out, his plan was to make it into an adventure park. He lived large.

He also lived well. He dated beautiful women, traveled the world, enjoyed great wines — one of the wines at Wolffer Estates is currently selling for $100 a bottle — and I think perhaps the event he looked forward to and enjoyed the most was the Hampton Classic Horse Show held every Labor Day weekend in Bridgehampton, at which one of his three children, Marc, Joanna or Georgina, might ride, and where he always offered one of the grand prizes.

He died too soon. Still vigorous at 70, he was planning still further adventures. In addition to the part interest in the winery in Argentina he bought, he was negotiating to purchase another in its entirety there.

That Wednesday, attending a party in Brazil, he walked down to the beach for a swim, where, after a time, a boat ran him down and drove off, leaving gashes in his back. This was at Saco de Mamangua Beach in the beachfront resort town of Paraty, 100 miles down the coast from Rio. He called for help and was helped to shore by a local friend he was with, Rodrigo Hilbert, who is a TV soap opera star in that country. He was then taken by car to the nearby Hospital Santa Casa de Misericordia, where he was pronounced dead from massive loss of blood. Relatives of Wolffer claimed the body, and he was buried in his native land of Germany this week.

The employees at his winery, many of whom have worked for him for 20 years, will dearly miss him, as will his many friends and family.

What a great loss this is for the Hamptons.

Hunger (continued from previous page)

attention to the cause. (They also have a website, www.easthamptonwildlife.org, or billcrain@aol.com.)

Bill Crain is also a voice against the wholesale, inhumane slaughter of cattle. He believes that it's time to protect animals. The protest at Town Hall was civil in tone and honorable in intent. The Crain's voices were being heard.

Correction

In the story, "Volunteer Wins $$" by Dan Rattiner (Dec. 12), Pat Lynch is incorrectly named as Alice Lynch. The article then went off on a fantasy that suggested Lynch would consider giving up the $50K award and legal fees if she "gets an apology, they clean up the shelter, allow her to go dog walking full time ..." In fact, Lynch never agreed to nor proposed any of this. The final three paragraphs of the story were also deliberately exaggerated in the "Dan" tradition. The story stated "Everybody gets half a loaf." But in a phone call to this paper, Lynch, an Emmy award winner who worked at NBC for 17 years, stated, "We're not giving an inch."

GORDIN'S VIEW

BARRY GORDIN

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GURNEY'S "MARGARITAS IN PARADISE"

Gurney's Inn Resort & Spa overlooking the ocean in Montauk, hosted their 46th Annual New Year's Eve party. The tropical island themed "Margaritas in Paradise" had the guests dancing the night away to the cool island sounds of Jimmy & The Parrots. In between tunes DJ, Des and Linda, kept the beat hot.

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Lisa Tamburini

Bridgehampton's Saunders Realty, held their first annual "Holiday Party" at Pierres restaurant. There was music, food, spirits, and lots of good cheer.

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Laura White

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JAZZ INSPIRED

Barry Gordin

Judy Carmichael's "Jazz Inspired" Radio Show produced in association with WNYC interviewed guest John Pizzarelli, a renowned Jazz artist, during a special taping of her show at Bay Street Theatre.

Judy Carmichael, John Pizzarelli

GRAND OPENING

Saunders & Associates, a new real estate firm celebrated the "Grand Opening" of their first office in Bridgehampton. Saunders provides a smart, refreshing, concierge service that is thoughtfully aligned with the Hamptons sophisticated and high-profile culture.

Gary Nolan, Kerri Cunningham

BOOK SIGNING

J. Julianelli

With a Middle Eastern flavor to the refreshments and the entertainment, Sag Harbor author Lucette Lagnado read from her award winning book, "The Man in the Sharkskin Suit", at Kramoris Gallery which is optioned for film. The evening was full of surprises including East Hampton Belly Dancer, Tina Georgopoulos.

Doug Feiden, Lucette Lagnado, Tina Georgopoulos, Romany Kramoris

SDEROT BENEFIT

Barry Gordin

A fantastic online holiday auction was held at East Hampton's Vered Gallery featuring over 159 lots with designated art benefiting Sderot.

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Over The Barrel... with Lenn Thompson

Will Governor Paterson Hurt the NY Wine Industry?

Unless you've been living under a rock, you know that New York's budget is a mess, and Governor Paterson is trying to balance that budget – and there are a few items in his proposed 2009-2010 budget that will directly affect the New York wine industry.

Briefly, two things that Paterson is proposing are an increase in the per-gallon excise tax that wineries have to pay for their wine – from nearly 19 cents to 51 cents, a pretty hefty hike.

The Governor's plan also calls for elimination of state funding for the New York Wine and Grape Foundation (NYWGF), the largest and perhaps most important wine-related association in the state. The NYWGF gets $1 million from the executive budget and $1.8 million from the Legislature. It matches the executive grant with private fund raising, for a total budget of $3.8.

It's important to remember that this is only a proposed budget. Nothing has been finalized and it's unlikely that the budget will pass as it is written today. That said, what might happen if it does?

I emailed with Jim Trezise, the president of the NYWGF, last week to learn more about what he thinks the impact might be. Apparently, they'll be able to support and fund any ongoing projects through the end of their current fiscal year, March 31, but that beyond that date, they'll have to cut "everything" including roughly $1 million of research by Cornell and the Cooperative Extension each year, the wine trail and regional branding programs, the New York City initiatives, the public television series, and "everything else."

Saying it even more bluntly, he told me "Our programs are based on the availability of matching funds from the State, plus in some years additional funding for more programs, so the end of state funding would mean the end of the programs."

I'm not an economist, but it's hard to understand how these cuts make any sense for the state. An independently run study in 2005 showed that the New York wine industry generated $3.4 billion for the state's economy. Given that, and the proposed increase in the excise tax, the less than $3 million the NYWGF usually gets doesn't seem like much. As they say, you need to spend money to make money, and that seems like a pretty good investment to me. It's an especially good investment when you consider that wine is one of the only agricultural industries in the state still growing. In that sense, it just seems silly.

But, as I talked with many local winery owners and winemakers, I heard mixed reactions.

About the proposed increase in excise tax, Richard Olsen-Harbich, winemaker at Raphael in Peconic told me "Our (at Raphael) excise taxes are not very large to begin with. Increases in excise taxes usually hurt the very large producers the most due to the volumes involved. One thing it would do in the long run is reduce our ability to fund research and development for the local industry." No one else really mentioned the excise tax as an issue.

On the topic of the NYWGF, opinions differed significantly.

Steve Bate, director of the Long Island Wine Council, thinks that the NYWGF is vitally important to the Long Island wine industry, saying in an email that "The Long Island wine region benefits in at least two ways: marketing support and research. Every year we receive matching grants which we are able to leverage for specific regional programs. While there may be grumbling sometimes about the amount and the requirements, the fact is in 2008 we accessed $97,000 in grants from the NYW&GF which was matched to provide some $180,000 in total project funding. These resources enabled us to hold the Art of Balance Symposium in August, produce our promotional materials, conduct some cooperative ad campaigns, etc. Simply put, if the funding were to be cut, the region would have to try to find resources from another source, or more likely in the current environment, curtail many marketing activities."

Others aren't as convinced of the value the NYWGF offers the Long Island wine community. Theresa Dilworth, owner of Comtesse Therese said simply "The NYWGF has almost no impact on Long Island."

Taking a step back without going off topic, Charles Massoud, co-owner of Paumanok Vineyards said "The coming year is going to be challenging no matter what business we are talking about. And if the industry should experience any difficulty will it blame it on such a possible fate for these organizations or will we blame it on the economy?"

Massoud thinks that, "For many wineries that have distanced themselves as to their sales and marketing, the effects may not be noticed. There are probably some wineries that used such organizations as a crutch, and therefore they may now have an opportunity to stand up and move forward. Perhaps we should go it alone for a while to discover what importance these organizations may really have."

I think that he's right with his assessment of the situation. I think this might be a wake-up call, both for the foundation and for its member wineries. The NYWGF is far from perfect and there's been a dire lack of innovation in its programs – at least in the marketing and promotions arena.

This is an opportunity for the NYWGF (as well as member wineries) to re-think how they operate. To survive in this tight economy, you simply can't rely on the same old programs. Innovation and the leveraging of new technology is a must. This might force everyone in the industry to improve how they promote and market themselves. In that sense, a little short-term pain might lead to better days in the long run.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

A WALK IN THE WINTER WOODS – 11 a.m. Look for animal tracks and winter birds. Arshamomaque Pond Preserve, Southold. 631-477-3988.

BOOK SIGNING – 1 p.m. *Great Tastes of Long Island* by Ann Marie Borghese. Free. Castello di Borghese Vineyard and Winery, 17150 County Rd. 48, Cutchogue. 631-734-5111.

SCOTTISH FIDDLE CONCERT – 7 p.m. $25. Poquatuck Hall, Village Ln., Orient. 631-323-2480.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

FILM SERIES – 2 p.m. "The Lesser Known Hitchock." Free. Floyd Memorial Library, First and North Streets, Greenport. 631-477-0660.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

HYPNOSIS WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – 7 p.m. $89. Riverhead Medical Offices, 1333 East Main St., Riverhead. Rightmindconsulting.com. 631-357-1100.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

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GREENPORT GALLERY WALKS- Beginning June 21 through December 20,the third Saturday of the month, Greenport's galleries will open their doors between 6-9 pm for an evening of gallery hopping. Please join us for gallery talks, and refreshments, while viewing the best of what's happening in the arts on gallery row. Check out www.greenportgallerywalk.com for more information.

WEIGHT LOSS – The second Tuesday of every month, Dr. Russ L'HommeDieu, a physical therapist, holds a free weight management lecture & discussion session for people fighting similar weight loss problems. The discussion is moderated by Dr. Russ, who has upheld a 200-pound weight loss himself. Space is limited. For more information, contact New Life in Progress at 888-446-7764.

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	Peconic	4:55	6:15	7:30	10:05	12:05	3:05	4:35	6:05	8:20
	Cutchogue	5:00	6:20	7:35	10:10	12:10	3:10	4:40	6:10	8:25
	Mattituck	5:10	6:30	7:45	10:20	12:20	3:20	4:50	6:20	8:35
	Laurel	5:15	6:35	7:50	10:25	12:25	3:25	4:55	6:25	8:40
	Jamesport	5:20	6:40	7:55	10:30	12:30	3:30	5:00	6:30	8:45
	Aquebogue	5:25	6:45	8:00	10:35	12:35	3:35	5:05	6:35	8:50
	Riverhead	5:30	6:50	8:05	10:40	12:40	3:40	5:10	6:40	8:55
	Tanger Outlet	5:35	6:55	8:10	10:45	12:45	3:45	5:15	6:45	9:00
ARRIVING	Airport Connection	7:05	8:50	9:50	12:20	2:20	5:20	6:50	8:20	10:35
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	Aquebogue	9:50	11:50	1:50	3:50	6:25‡	7:55	8:50	10:20
	Jamesport	9:55	11:55	1:55	3:55	6:30‡	8:00	8:55	10:25
	Laurel	10:00	12:00	2:00	4:00	6:35‡	8:05	9:00	10:30
	Mattituck	10:05	12:05	2:05	4:05	6:40‡	8:10	9:05	10:35
	Cutchogue	10:15	12:15	2:15	4:15	6:50‡	8:20	9:15	10:45
	Peconic	10:20	12:20	2:20	4:20	6:55‡	8:25	9:20	10:50
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Life Style

Health/Fitness

Exotic Pink Salt from Tibet will Heal what Ails You

By Tiffany Razzano

Most people think of salt as something that needs to be cut out of their diets. But, in contrast to the iodized table salt used daily by many, exotic pink Himalayan crystal salt is an entirely different story.

The salt, culled from the mountains in Tibet, contains the 84 colloidal elements found in our body and recognized by our DNA, creating a natural balance within the body. When mixed with spring water and taken in small doses, the salt is thought to have amazing health benefits, from regulating the water in your body and promoting a healthy pH balance in your cells to helping with the absorption of food and aiding in respiratory health, vascular health, bone strength, blood pressure and sinus health among other things.

And now, East Enders can easily purchase this salt, thanks to Southampton native Bret Evans, who became a licensed vendor and importer of the salt and opened the shop, The Hampton's Original Himalayan Crystal Salt Company, on Montauk Highway, just down the block from Southampton College.

Having only used the salt himself for about a year, Evans first encountered it when he purchased a Himalayan crystal salt lamp and, knowing vaguely of the health benefits, he licked it. "I was amazed by the warming and magical colors, like when your eyes are closed at the beach and you're looking through your eyelids and see a warm pinkish red," he said. Having always been interested in homeopathic remedies, Evans eventually did the research online and discovered the book *Water and Salt*, written by German scientists and regaling the health benefits of the salt. Engaging in the salt therapy, he lost 26 pounds in a month. "A lot of physical changes happened to my body that were amazing to me. I said, 'This is for me. This is where my passion is.' So I wanted to bring that same health to the Hamptons and to the masses."

Tiffany Razzano

Bret Evans' Original Himalayan Crystal Salt Co.

There are different ways to utilize the Himalayan crystal salt. First is the salt and water mixture, where you let the salt dissolve in spring water overnight until it is diluted down to 26% (it stops when there are enough crystals in the water). Then, you drink a teaspoon of this mixture with a glass of regular spring water every day. The first month of doing this has a cleansing effect on the body, Evans says. "Anything in your intestines, it cleanses out and changes the body from an acidic base to a normal pH."

One teaspoon of the mixture contains 411 milligrams of salt, when our body requires 1,500 a day to survive. It's suggested that once you start using the crystal salt, you eschew overly processed foods with high sodium from heavy usage of iodized table salt that has more detriments than benefits for your body. "It's not the quantity, it's the quality of the salt," Evans said.

And there are other uses. You can cook with the crystal salt, replacing your table salt. Salt lamps and tea lights made of it improve air quality in whatever room their in. Evans brushes his teeth with the salt water solution. He also sells salt platters to serve and cook food on and salt licks for your pets.

You can also bathe in the salt water (a three pound bag of the salt is used for a normal 30-gallon bathtub.) This can be done on any day, but the greatest benefits come when you bathe in it on a full or a new moon. On a full moon, your body will absorb the 84 colloidal elements through the skin easily, like osmosis, Evans says, while bathing in the salt solution on a new moon is a detox for the body, the equivalent of a two or three day cleansing fast.

And for those who are skeptical, Evans already has many dedicated and repeat customers who have given testaments to how the Himalayan crystal salt has improved their health, from aiding people with third stage Lyme's disease to curing arthritis to ridding the body of harmful, heavy metals.

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Health/Fitness

Inspirations By Emily J Weitz

For a Healthy New Year, Make a List, Check it Twice

As we move forward into another year, it's a time to reflect and look ahead. This process is extremely healthy. By looking back at what the last year manifested, you can evaluate what you have, decide what you want to hold on to and what you want to shed. You can even determine if there were any decisions or patterns that brought about certain changes in your life, and you can choose to make better decisions in the future. It's an empowering time of year, a symbolic time to decide what you want to bring about in the year to come.

Philosopher George Santiana wisely said, "Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it." With this in mind, it's important to remember your mistakes and your triumphs, so that you can make informed decisions in the future.

This year, evaluate where you are now by making a list with three columns. In the first column, write all the things you want to let go of. These can be objects that clutter your life, relationships that hold you back or thoughts or feelings that no longer serve you. In the second column, make a list of the things that you love in your life right now. This can be activities you do, people you know or things about yourself that you're happy with. Once you let go of the things that no longer serve you, these gems in your life will sparkle all the more brightly.

Now draw a third column. In this space, write down the things you want to create for yourself in the year to come. Whether it's building new routines, cultivating relationships, treating yourself with more respect or anything else you want to encourage in your life, just write it down. By setting these intentions, you will consciously be able to work towards them.

Now that you know what you want to change about your life and where you want this year to take you, set the wheels in motion. One of the most effective ways to create change is by stepping into a community that will support it. None of us is alone, even though it sometimes feels that way, especially at the far end of Long Island in the dead of winter. But there are thriving communities out here that can support whatever lifestyle changes you need.

One of the most common New Year's resolutions is the decision to get off the couch and work out more. This is a great way to improve your self-image, to increase energy and to be a healthier person. The Sag Harbor Gym has a great program for people interested in transforming their workout routine (or starting one for the first time!). Their boot camp is a no-nonsense way to get in shape and start feeling better about yourself without feeling like you have to do it on your own. Because boot camp requires your commitment to come to the gym four days a week, you will quickly find your lifestyle transformed.

If you're in need of some soul soothing, look into the holistic community that thrives out here in the winter. Healing circles occur at almost every full moon with Kundalini teacher Megan Chaskey and musician Steve Eaton. Chanting happens several times a month guided by yoga teacher Jennifer Frasher. Wellness workshops and group cleanses are great ways to step deeper into the lifestyle that yoga and Pilates may have introduced you to. Going to classes is just the beginning.

Another of the most common New Year's resolutions has to do with diet and nutrition. But so often, just a few weeks into a crash diet, people find themselves slipping back into their old ways. This is often because the goals they set are unrealistic. Cutting out all of your favorite foods at once is going to feel like a huge punishment, when you don't deserve to be punished. And soon enough, your taste buds and your cravings will rebel, leaving you feeling guilty, and surrounded by candy bar wrappers. Instead of cutting out all the things you love, look into changing your nutritional habits by introducing new, healthier ingredients. Jolie Parcher, an ayurvedic nutritional consultant, helps her clients empower themselves to be healthier by analyzing their body type and teaching them how to eat the best ingredients for them. Ayurvedic nutrition is a very interesting area of study.

Humans are creatures of habit. By examining your habits and creating new patterns that serve you better, you will be successful in bringing about whatever changes you need in your life.

Sports/Outdoors

TAKE A HIKE By Ken Kindler

Happy Trails (and a Plea) to You, from a Hiker, Activist

Several readers of *Dan's Papers* have recently asked me how I became a natural open space and trails advocate and why I have been donating these trails articles to the publication. Here's the story.

I discovered the trails after a car accident left me with a severe back injury in the 1980s. A friend invited me to take a hike in the woods, knowing that walking on the forgiving surface of the earth would help me to heal. Since then, I've been walking an average of 100 miles a week.

After a while, I realized that just because a place was untouched and beautiful, it didn't mean that it was safe from development or that it would be properly taken care of. To help protect the places I loved, I started attending all the trails groups meetings and later, many land management meetings. I became a board member of both the Greenbelt Trail Conference and Southampton Trails Preservation Society. In addition to serving on these boards, I am an active member of The East Hampton Trails Preservation Society. I have been advocating for the protection and care of our trails at Town, County and Central Pine Barrens Commission meetings for many years.

A couple of years ago, I introduced a proposal, in cooperation with the Commission's Protected Land Council, for addressing the illegal use of off-road vehicles on public lands. This procedure is now being implemented by New York State. I have been interviewed numerous times on TV, radio and in the newspapers as a trails advocate. I edited the 2001 edition of *Short Nature Walks on Long Island* by Rodney and Priscilla Albright. Since 2003, I have been writing about my weekly trails excursions in the "Take a Hike" column in *Dan's Papers*.

Rollo Sicoco

Ken Kindler, our hero

I've written grants for trails groups, facilitated joint trails events, and worked with the Boy Scouts and school groups on the trails. I have been very active in the Paumanok Path initiative and facilitated the first Paumanok Path Summit in 2003.

In 1996, I created the Hiking Long Island web site to disseminate information about hiking and environmental issues, to encourage more people to join the trails groups, and to help the various groups work together by giving them a central meeting place on the web. My goal has always been to encourage more people to work for trails maintenance and care and to increase public awareness in order to get the needed funding for trail stewardship.

Now I have formed the Long Island Trail Lovers Coalition, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. The focus of LITLC is trails stewardship, not trails appreciation. Without stewardship, there will be no trails to appreciate.

LITLC is not a hiking group. It's a trails stewardship group started with the help of several truly remarkable individuals. We are working to develop the substantial manpower and funding needed to address the challenges threatening our trails. LITLC will supply trained workers to assist in trail building. Our goal is to assure that the trails are well maintained, protected, safe, accessible and user-friendly.

When I started LITLC, I was already getting a lot of visitors to hike-li.org. Thousands of people were already accessing the Web site for hike schedules and other trails information. Organizations, agencies and trails groups benefit from the exposure I give them on the Web sites and in the articles I write for *Dan's Papers*. All will also benefit when LITLC has enough funding to do the work that needs to be done. We all need to work together. When people talk to me about the amenities they wish to see for the trails, I tell them that as soon as LITLC has enough financial support, we will make those wishes a reality. Join us in helping the trails.

Now it's even easier to donate for trails stewardship! Go to litlc.org and click on "Donate." Enter your credit card information and make an online donation for the trails.

Your one small contribution will make a big difference. When many members join together, they make a strong statement about the importance of trails.

Long ago the trails gave me my life back, now I'm working to return the favor.

Please join with the members of LITLC in this effort; make a donation to The Long Island Trails Coalition today! Thank you!

Beauty/Fashion

Shop 'til You Drop... With Maria Tennariello

Now that 2009 has officially arrived – and it sure did, everything that could go wrong so far, has – going forward is the answer. Sales are going forward, that's for sure. Let's do some New Year shopping.

A "January Jeans Event" is happening for this the entire month of January at **Nancy & Co.** at all three locations: Jobs Lane in Southampton, Newtown Lane in East Hampton and on Lexington Avenue in New York City. Buy one pair of jeans and get the second pair of jeans (of equal or lesser value) at 50% off! (Resort styles are not included in this deal.) Also, fall and winter merchandise is discounted up to 70% off to celebrate the New Year. This is a first time offering and it's a huge sale that shouldn't be missed.

In the Bridgehampton Commons you should step into **Payless Shoe Store** and take advantage of the 60% off select merchandise sale and the "Clearance Sale" of $10 and below priced items. This is a goodie. Don't pass it up.

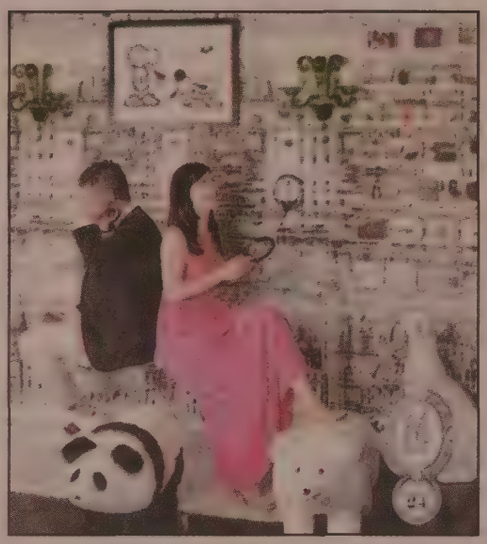
Look for a bright and shiny sale at **The Sunglass Hut**, also in the Bridgehampton Commons. They are having a "Semi Annual" designer sale with up to 50% off. Now is the time to get those shades that have been on your wish list forever.

At **Talbot's**, also in the Commons, you will find a "winter sale" with up to 65% off select ladies clothing and accessories.

My favorite sale of the year is the "Semi-Annual Sale" at **Victoria's Secret**, also located in the Bridgehampton Commons. This sale includes almost everything in the store including pjs, nightshirts, robes, slippers, lingerie and so much more. Stop in and do your thing, and stock up for the entire year.

Williams-Sonoma, in the Bridgehampton Commons, is having their annual "Winter Sale," saving you up to 75% off. They have lowered their prices on over 100 items in order to offer this sale to you at their stores and online. I have been there and back twice already! This is a real goodie. Trust me on this one.

Owners Allison and Louis of **Maison 24**, located on Main Street in Bridgehampton, are making life easier by adding a new Web site in order to shop online at Maison24.com. Maison 24 is a mix of traditional and trend-setting merchandise that include home furnishings, men's and women's accessories, music, art, decorative objects, books, children's accessories, collectible toys and so much more. Whether it's a new find, a product of their very own design or bringing in something they have coveted forever, their hope is to create a unique and, above all, fun shopping experience for all who are able to join them at the first location in Bridgehampton and now via shopping on their new Web site. Stop in and see what's in the house!



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At **Gems of the Past** on Newtown Lane you will find the last dog days of their "Closing Sale" that is still in progress. For beautiful vintage jewelry and more, this is the place to shop and the sale allows you to shop a little bit more here. Get going, when the merchandise is gone, it's gonesville!

Scoop into your pockets for the sale of the year at **Scoop** on Newtown Lane, East Hampton look for up to 75% off select merchandise and accessories for everyone on your belated gift list.

For one of the best after holiday sales, stop in at **Around Again** on the Wharf, Sag Harbor where they are celebrating their "20th year sale" with up to 80% off clothing and accessories. Look for overstock merchandise and all major designer labels including Fendi, Prada, Gucci and more. There is also vintage jewelry for ladies and men that you cannot resist. Stop in. Gayle and the staff will be more than happy to assist you. For information call 631-725-4067.

Until next week, Ciao and happy winter shopping!

Having a sale, getting new inventory, new kid on the block? Comments or questions? Please e-mail me at shoptil@danspapers.com or via fax, 631-726-0189, my readers would love to know all about it.

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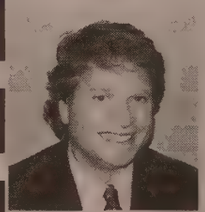

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HOMELIFE

Err, A parent By Susan Galardi

The Return of the B&B People

Being a DINK (double income no kids) couple in New York can be a luxurious existence. When my partner and I were "single," that is, childless, we were able to travel a lot, both abroad and locally, always staying in great hotels and romantic inns. Often, we were even B&B people.

We did have a dog, which sometimes made accommodations tricky. There were two choices: Stay somewhere very expensive that took dogs or check into a Motel 6. We always opted for the former.

Once we added our son to the mix, the junkets came to a halt. In fact, the weekly trip to our house in East Hampton from the city became so exhausting that we decided to forego the two-home lifestyle, the "big" careers and a great apartment in the Village for the country life.

S. Galardi

But as soon as Hudson was out of diapers, we needed a vacation and started traveling again. The first big trip was to Key West, where my partner found us a suite in one of the best hotels on the island. We were all ready for a week of rest, sitting and snoozing by the pool, quiet walks along the beach, dinners at cool restaurants.

We got to the hotel, ready for our relaxing vacation, and realized we were not alone.

This may seem obvious, but somehow we thought a vacation would be the way it used to be. But now we had to plan our activities around meals and naps – his. Bedtime was 8:00. No late dinners and dancing for us.

The next big trip was Disneyworld. Enough said. Needless to say, our romantic getaways were a thing of the past. We were no longer B&B people.

Until this past holiday. We planned a 1,000-mile trip to Pittsburgh with our son, now five, and our five-month old golden retriever.

I was against taking the puppy. With the ambitious itinerary of four cities, dozens of relatives and a lot of driving ahead, I feared I'd go insane if I didn't sleep. But for a variety of reasons, the puppy and her accoutrement became a part of the entourage.

We stayed in three different places. The first night, in the spacious two-bedroom apartment with Hudson's godfather in Jersey City. After schlepping the crate up a flight of steps and opening presents, it was his bedtime. My partner would put him to sleep in the second bedroom, then we'd move him onto the futon so we could sleep in peace. The puppy was in the kitchen.

Thirty minutes later he came out crying, apologizing to our host. "I'm sorry I'm crying Rodney," he said. "But I'm not used to it here."

So at 8:30, I was in the bedroom with him and my partner, where we all fell asleep together. Hudson woke us up with his flailing every few hours. The puppy slept peacefully though the night.

Next stop was a friend's three-story Victorian townhouse in Pittsburgh that we had to ourselves, and where Hudson was planning to sleep on a blow-up bed he insisted we schlep from East Hampton. But he felt "creeped out" sleeping on a different floor, so again, we all slept together that first night. He promised he'd move to the blow up the next night but two days later, there we were, still three men in a tub, with us waking up through the wee hours as he flipped, flopped and, one night, sat up and sang the entire chorus of "Rudolph." The puppy slept quietly in her crate on the second floor, next to an unoccupied blow-up bed.

The final stop was New Hope, PA, where my partner booked the entire third floor of the Wedgewood Inn, a historic B&B. We maneuvered the crate up the narrow stairs and treacherous landings. No need for the blow-up – our suite had three beds. No matter. I was sure we'd be all together.

But, shockingly, Hudson chose to sleep by himself on the futon in the living room. (The puppy occupied the second bedroom.) The next day I asked why he decided he could sleep on his own. Because he could see our room from his bed? Because the place felt like our house? Because he met the owners and even went into the kitchen?

None of the above. His quick answer? "I knew we were going back home today."

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HOMELIFE

Earthly Delights By April Gonzales

Add Spectacular Color to your Home with Wild Flowers

After all the holiday clutter is cleared, I still like to have some color in the house to make things cheerful and keep the gardening season going year round. There are several ways to do this using houseplants, bulbs and, of course, cut flowers.

My lemon trees were hosed down and repotted back in November. They usually begin to bloom in December and can continue on until February, even while the fruit is ripening on the branches. I bought a variegated lemon last year, a long coveted item on my list that is next to the Meyer lemon that I have had for years. I did grow a tangerine from a mere sapling years ago and it actually did produce fruit, but they were dry and flavorless. The lemons are reliable and they actually have flavors different from the ones you buy in the stores. But it's the fragrance that's so arresting in the winter months that makes them valuable to me. In general, houseplants require work, which I don't really care for, it's one more thing to do, But the lemons require very little care, so they're perfect for me.

Unfortunately, the cat occasionally doesn't make it outside in the cold months and takes advantage of the potted plants instead. After literally rinsing my lemons down to the point of having bare roots and replacing all the soil, I decided to place my seashell collection on top of the soil to prevent any further feline forays. The large conchs, clams and whelks have kept kitty out of the potted plants so far by creating a barrier over the soil.

Just before the holidays began, I bought some salmon-colored amaryllis in lieu of the large red or white ones that are usually available for the holidays. My niece and I decorated a few terra cotta pots with seashells and a glue gun and then we

potted up the big bulbs. Starting from a bulb rather than buying a plant already in bloom means that I'll have to wait until February for it to bloom. I have watched it for a few weeks, waiting for the bud to crack through, but it's like watching a pot boil. The flower will emerge in its own time.

There are a lot of different varieties of amaryllis available now, some with smaller, more exotic, orchid-like flowers and numerous colors. On a recent trip to Hawaii, I saw some spectacular small-flowered, orange amaryllis growing on a hillside in a big bunch, which gave me another idea. Why just put one bulb in at a time? A group of the smaller flowering amaryllis in a brass tub will put on a fantastic winter display, so I'm going to hit the garden center this week to see if there are any leftover bulbs hanging around. If there are any of the traditional reds, maybe I'll grab a few of those in hopes that they will bloom for Valentine's Day.

If I wanted to force hyacinths, tulips or daffodils, I'd have had to start in November, according to Jeff at Otto Keil's, a family of florists and greenhouse growers with nurseries in Huntington and Mattituck. These smaller bulbs need 12-14 weeks of cold treatment in temperatures below 45 degrees in order to start them on an earlier bloom cycle. Putting them in pots and placing them in a cold frame or covering them with sand and pine boughs to regulate the temperature would have allowed me to have these spring beauties in mid to late February. But for now I'll have to rely on the refrigeration used by the Keils and buy my forced spring bulbs at the garden center.

One of the least strenuous ways to bring flowers and fragrance into the house during the winter as a quick pick-me-up is to simply buy some fresh flowers. There's literally no season for flowers now, as they are grown all over the world and shipped via air freight daily. When it's fall here, peonies are starting in Argentina, and roses are available year round. To satisfy my taste for the exotic, though, I went to a protea farm on Maui during a trip in December. The up country on the slopes of the volcano away from the heat of the beach is the perfect climate for these extraordinary flowers that can also be flown anywhere, so I sent myself a bouquet that should arrive any day now.

The pin cushion proteas are my favorites, as are the king proteas. When I was young my mother received a big bouquet of these Hawaiian flowers and the interesting thing about them is that they don't fade and die off after a week or so. They can be left in the vase and make a fantastic dried flower arrangement too. My mother's lasted for years, so I sent her a bouquet, too.

Kid's Calendar

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GOAT ON A BOAT 1/10 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tucker's Tales Puppet Theatre performs "It's the Wolf" with the Three Pigs, Little Red Ridinghood, and the Wolf. 11/17 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Juliana Nash and Liz Joyce perform Vegatables Destiny, a musical puppet show. Tickets are $10 adults, $9 grandparents, and $5 kids under 3. Call 631-725-4193 or www.goatonaboat.org

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THE JESTER JIM SHOW Saturday 1/17 at 11 a.m. at the Red Creek Park Activity Center, 102 Old Riverhead Road, Hampton Bays. Free, call 631-728-8585 for more info.

HAPPY PIANO Music program for preschoolers Mondays 1/12 thru 3/2. Ages 3-4 from 3:30 to 4 p.m., 5-6 year olds from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. Fee is $150 for residents, $160 for non-residents. Lodge at Squiretown Park, 62 Red Creek Rd., Hampton Bays. Call 631-728-8585 to register.

RECORD A CD Saturdays 1/17 thru 3/14 from 2 to 4 p.m. Children 8-16 will learn to make an album. Fee is $225 for residents, $250 for non-residents. 62 Red Creek Road, Hampton Bays, call 631-728-8585 to register.

ROCK CAMP Sat. 1/17 thru 2/14 from 12 to 2 p.m. 62 Red Creek Rd, Hampton Bays. Kids 8-16 will form their own bands, get group lessons, and perform 2 live concerts. Fee is $195 residents, $220 for non-residents. 631-728-8585.

BATON TWIRLING Thursdays, 1/15 to 3/12 at Red Creek Park Activity Center, 102 Old Riverhead Rd. Hampton Bays. Beginner program is from 6 to 6:45 p.m., intermediate program 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Fee is $35 for residents, $45 for non-residents. 631-728-8585

S.A.T. MATH PREPARATION Thursdays 1/15 thru 3/12 from 7-9 p.m. (no class 2/19) Hampton Bays Community Ctr., 25 Ponquogue Ave. Hampton Bays. Fee is $290 for residents, $300 for non-residents. 631-728-8585

S.A.T. VERBAL PREP – Tuesdays 1/13 thru 3/10 (no class 2/17) Hampton Bays Community Ctr, 25 Ponquogue Ave. Hptn Bays. $290 for residents, $300 for non-residents.

ONGOING

ART AT THE GOLDEN EAGLE 14 Gingerbread La. East Hampton 631-324-0603.

CMEE Interactive exhibitions; arts-and-science based programs and workshops; special events. 376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250. . General Admission $7. Free to members.

SOUTHAMPTON TOWN WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES Call to register for some of the many classes being offered this fall for all ages, including Rock Camp, Guitar Heroes, Kids on Camera, Art for Kids, Hip Hop Dance, SAT Prep and more. 631-728-8585

GOAT ON A BOAT Goatonaboat.org. Puppet Play Groups for children under 3 on Mon., Thurs. and Fri. at 9:30 a.m. Tot Art for children 5 & under, Mon. and Fri. at 10:30 a.m. Puppet club Mondays 3:30 p.m. At Rte. 114 and East Union Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-4193.

LIL COWPOKES PONY CLUB – Every Sat. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 3 and up. Learn about animals and how to ride a pony. Amaryllis Farm Equine Rescue, 93 Merchants Path, Southampton. 631-537-7335.

ART BARGE Open Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Offers weekly children's studio programs. Theartbarge.com.

KIDS KARAOKE – Every Sat. 5-7 p.m. Regulars Music Cafe, 1271 North Sea Rd., Southampton. 631-287-2900.

DRIBBL – Basketball programs for kids. Dribbl at the Beach for boys and girls grades K-5 every Sun., 9-10:20 a.m., at the Southampton Town Recreation Center. Sysinc.org.

AFTER SCHOOL ART – At The Parrish Art Museum, Southampton. 631-283-2118, ext. 40 or visit parrishart.org.

MOMMY AND ME – Every Mon. from 10:45 a.m. -11:45 a.m. for pre-school ers and their parents/caregivers. Montauk Library, Mtk. Highway, Montauk. 631-324-4947.

MUSIC TOGETHER BY THE DUNES Music/movement program for children newborn through age 5 and their parents/caregivers. Every Mon. and Tues. morning at the Dance Centre of the Hamptons in Westhampton Beach, every Thurs. morning at the Southampton Cultural Center and every Fri. morning at SYS on Majors Path in Southampton. 631-764-4180.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Sponsored by the Town of Southampton Youth Bureau to give kids a voice in town government. 631-702-2425.

MANGA CLUB – Fri. at 3:30 p.m. John Jermain Memorial Library, 201 Main St., Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049.

WORDY WEDNESDAYS – 5 p.m. Play Scrabble, Word Sweep and Outburst. For ages 10 and up. The Hampton Library, 2478 Main St., Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015.

TODDLER TUESDAYS – At the Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250.

Send all events for the kids' calendar to events@danspapers.com by Friday at noon.

Arts & Entertainment

Art Commentary by Marion Wolberg Weiss

Jane Martin, Defining Moments Revealed

For those who have seen Jane Martin's current exhibition at Guild Hall, it would seem as if all her works are defining moments, regardless of the media or the subject matter. From soaring waves to a woman's journey, Martin's images are at once lyrical and precise, where a moment is captured in time and space.

Martin's life is somewhat like her images, with experiences signifying both stop-motion and movement as they evolve into other realms. It's a life that is directional and arbitrary, conscious and unconscious. Even so, one thing is for certain: Martin's life and work are still developing. In a nutshell, every step this artist takes is a defining moment, a crossroad in itself.

Martin was off to a good start when she left Huntington, Long Island for France, where she spent several years studying painting with a small group of students. Barely in her 20s and feeling isolated at times, she absorbed enough for a lifetime.

Martin's second period of aesthetic development came when she discovered that film was art. (She says that recognition came from seeing the movie *The Night Porter*, no doubt a defining moment.) Her deep penchant for film led to her acceptance in a one-year intensive film program at New York University. Upon completing it, Martin became a teacher's assistant at

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was a way of shifting people's attention because they are used to walking around with their heads down. I employed different methods to get them to pay attention."

Asked to characterize this way of working, Martin was her usual, distinct self. "Art is non-personal flowing through the personal (myself)," she said. "My work is poetic, not conceptual."

Such a description makes sense when we consider that Martin works in a way where she has "no control of anything." Discussing her Guild Hall exhibit, she said, "I set up things like fog, wind, a backdrop and asked the model to respond. All those things you can't control. In post-production, it took me two weeks in PhotoShop to find one image/frame. (That's one out of 30 frames per second.) This video still is another way of grabbing attention."

Martin's titles are also provocative. The name of the current show, "Reckoning and Rapture," is a good example. While the artist suggests that there's an advancing and retreating involved in her images, such literal and figurative dynamics signify awareness (reckoning) and bliss (rapture). In this way, Martin can capture the audience's attention as well as her own. What a surprise for everyone.

Jane Martin's exhibit will be on view at East Hampton's Guild Hall until Jan. 18.

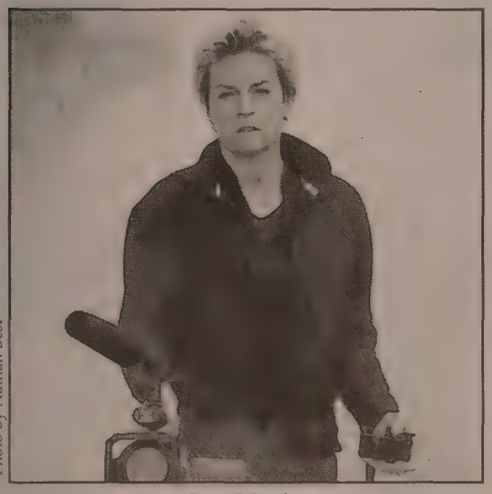


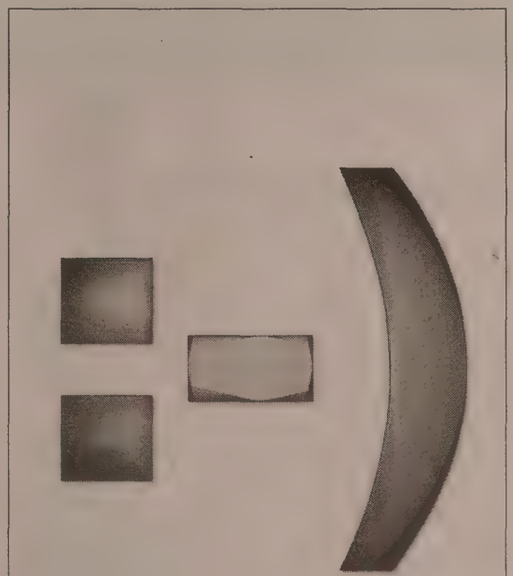
Photo by Nathan Best

Jane Martin

NYU, and worked in the film industry, most notably with Al Pacino, working as assistant editor and experimental editor on Pacino's self-produced film, *Local Stigmatic*.

Martin was asked to shoot and edit a film about AIDS by Gregory Colbert, the well-known artist of the piece "Ashes and Snow." For this defining moment, she went to Uganda, "almost getting killed," as she put it, in the shooting process. It was worth the effort, however, when she found herself in Paris, where she lived for eight years.

Returning to New York in the early '90s, Martin continued with her film pursuits, directing and producing her documentary *Silent Sentries*, about water towers perched on the roofs of Manhattan. It was a film she obviously still feels strongly about. "The idea of water towers hasn't changed in 100 years, but most people do not know where they get their water supply. I was able to tell the story entirely by visuals," she said. "It



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Review: *Shrek the Musical*

Shrek the Musical is a delightful winner! Here is a fun-loving, big Broadway show for the entire family. Retaining the heart and style of the immensely popular 2001 animated film *Shrek*, the musical stays close to the original story while expanding on the background of the beloved characters in enchanting ways. And there is a fresh pop score by Jeanine Tesori (*Thoroughly Modern Millie*) with blues and gospel influences. The clever lyrics are by David Lindsay-Abaire (2007 Pulitzer Prize winner), who is also responsible for the book. Everything you probably liked about the movie is still there, including some irreverent crude humor, which pops up unexpectedly to rescue awkward moments in the plot.

To reclaim the swamp where he lives from squatting, displaced fairy creatures, Shrek the ogre, who was originally a cartoon character in William Steig's book of the same name, must rescue Princess Fiona from the dragon-guarded tower. If he brings her to the evil Lord Farguaad, the latter will then become king of Dulac and allow the fairies to return. Along the way, Shrek learns about love and not judging others by their appearances. The sweet story is basically about abandoned children and discovering how to "let your freak flag fly."

The four principal actors are outstanding. Broadway leading man Brian d'Arcy James (a handsome tenor) obscured under layers of latex is charming and believable as Shrek the ogre. We follow him and his new best friend, a swishy donkey, played by Daniel Breaker with endearing style, as they set off to rescue Princess Fiona, played to perfection by Sutton Foster. Ever since she burst onto the scene, winning a Tony for *Thoroughly Modern Millie,* audiences have been in love with Sutton. Along with singing and dancing beautifully, she shows off her great comic skills here in a role that allows her to really let loose.

Photo by Joan Marcus

Brian d'Arcy, Daniel Breaker and Sutton Foster

Christopher Sieber is a riot as the evil Lord Farguaad, giving him a basic neediness combined with an overriding selfishness that is hysterical. And he plays the entire role, singing and dancing on his knees with artificial mechanical legs hanging from his waist. The device and the actor are priceless.

With a budget of reportedly $24 million, Dream Works Theatricals, making its first foray into theater, has apparently used the money wisely. Tim Hatley's impressive designs combine high-tech with old style backdrops, while adding pop-up visuals, puppets and lavish costumes to create a lush fantasy setting.

If your kids liked the movie, they will surely love the Broadway musical. And adults, too, will enjoy this gleeful staging. Director Jason Moore meshes everything nicely despite some uneven patches which dilute the momentum. And although it takes a long time for the emotional center to show itself, along the way there is never a dull moment.

Shrek the Musical opened at The Broadway Theatre, 1681 Broadway at 53rd Street, on December 14, 2008. Tickets are available by calling Telecharge.com at 212-239-6200, online or at the box office.

Theater critics Barry Gordin & Patrick Christiano are members of the Drama Desk. Barry is an internationally renowned photographer. Patrick is the artistic director of SivaRoad Productions. Visit their website at theaterlife.com.

Honoring the Artist: Rafaela Gurtler

While Rafaela Gurtler can claim an unusual distinction by being the first cover artist who is a high school student, she is well on her way to becoming a bone fide artist in her own right. When she showed Eric Reynolds, her music teacher at Pierson High School, one of her paintings for the school's Winter Concert, he insisted she submit it for cover consideration.

Yet Gurtler is not only a budding artist; she is also committed to jazz performance. In fact, we may say that she is a multi-talented young woman who is well on her way to success.

Q: Where did you get the idea for the cover?

A: I wanted to paint something local and in the winter. The Sag Harbor Movie Theatre is a place from our town that everyone recognizes.

Q: Even though you love art, you are going to major in jazz performance, which is really unusual for a major, and I would think unusual for a woman, too. How did you become interested in it?

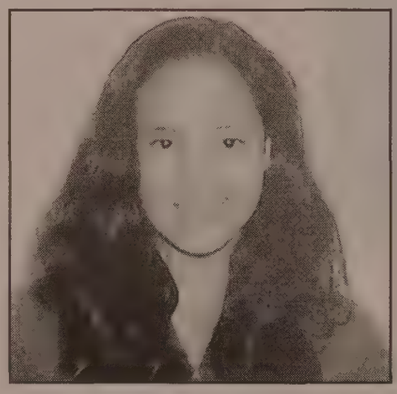
A: I remember in the eighth grade I wrote a school report about jazz performers like Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald. I got a chance to listen to their music, and I was hooked.

Q: Is there anyone in your family with a music and art background?

A: My father is a graphic artist, and my mom has a very good voice.

Q: How about where you may be going to college for jazz? Isn't that a fairly new field of study?

A: Yes, it is. If you majored in jazz, you usually had to study classical music first. I am thinking of going to William Patterson College in New Jersey or City College in New York. They both have good music programs.



Q: Don't you want to be in New York, where you can hear jazz in clubs and restaurants?

A: Yes, but you can see Manhattan from William Patterson in New Jersey. It's really close.

Q: Is there a musician in Sag Harbor whom you particularly admire?

A: Yes. Hal McKusick. I've been to several of his shows in churches here, and he's so inspiring. He's also a good teacher. He teaches at the Ross School. I've had lots of good teachers, too.

Q: Have you ever considered being in the musical theatre after you graduate in jazz performance?

A: It's really tough in the theatre. You have to perform the same way every night. Jazz can change every day. So can art. It would be fun to audition for a Broadway play, however.

Q: How does playing the flute in Pierson's band help you with your singing?

A: It helps your lungs get stronger. I am also on the cross-country team. That helps me with my breathing.

Q: And how does art help you with music? How are they similar for you?

A: They both give me discipline. And I really enjoy doing art and music. You have to enjoy it. In music, for example, you can't just play notes. You have to have emotion. Art is also emotional. Jazz brings so much to people. It's alive; it can make you cry.

Q: I'm just curious. What's your favorite musical play?

A: *West Side Story*.

Q: Mine, too. I never ran into someone who liked it as much as me.

A : Now you have.

Art Openings & Galleries

GALLERIES

AMY PILKINGTON GALLERY – "Movable Musings," Soraida Bedoya. 78 Main St., Sag Harbor.

ART & SOUL GALLERY – "AbstrActions" 495 Montauk Highway, Eastport. 631-325-1504. Artsoulgallery.com.

ART SITES GALLERY – "Between the Lines: Artists Using Words." Open Thurs. to Sun. 12-5 p.m. 651 West Main Street, Riverhead. 631-591-2401.

THE BARN – "photospheres," by Starr Tucker-Ortega. 341 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton. 6312-604-2043.

BASEMENT GALLERY – "Love for Man and Beast" by Justin Love. Open Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. 9 Albertines Ln., East Hampton. 631-329-2927.

BENTON NYCE GALLERY – "Soupcon," works by Kyrn Olson, Trefney Dix, Bengt Hokason and David Nyce.. Aldo's, 103/105 Front St., Greenport. 917-848-5102.

BOLTAX GALLERY – "Concepts of Identity," Andrea Zuill. 21 North Ferry Road (Route 114), Shelter Island. 631-749-4062.

BUTLER'S FINE ART – "20th and 21st Century Painting and Sculpture." 50 Park Place, East Hampton. 631-267-0193.

CANIO'S GALLERY – "Water – Land – Water," by painters Anne Seelbach and Christine Chew Smith. 290 Main St., Sag Harbor. 631-725-4926.

CECILY'S LOVE LANE GALLERY – Paintings by Rob White. 80 Love Ln., Mattituck. 631-298-8610.

CELADON GALLERY – "Objects," a group show. Open Sat. and Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 41 Old Mill Road, Water Mill. 631-726-2547.

CORMORANT POINT (HAMPTON) HOUSE – "Super Natural," paintings by Annika Connor. 13 Cormorant Dr., Southampton.

DECORDOVA GALLERY – "100 Years of Arts." Open Fri., 3-7 p.m., Sat. and Sun. from 12-6 p.m. and also by appointment. 538 Main Street, Greenport. 631-477-0620.

DESHUK/RIVERS GALLERY – "IN MOTION on Floor and Line." 141 Maple Lane, Bridgehampton. 631-237-4511.

THE DESIGN STUDIO – "Through a Contemporary Lense – Transcending the Ordinary Landscape," photography by John Deng. 2393 Main St., Bridgehampton. 631-537-1999.

THE DRAWING ROOM – "Watercolors" by Jane Wilson and a group show, "Tipping the Balance." Open Mon., Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 16R Newtown Lane, East Hampton. 631-324-5016.

ELAINE BENSON GALLERY – "Landscape Treasures." Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Southampton Inn, 91 Hill St., Southampton. 631-537-3233.

ESSES STUDIO – Work from The Grafitti 1980 Studio. 40 Madison St., Sag Harbor. 631-255-7704.

EZAIR GALLERY – Work by William Celento and Eveline Luppi. 136 Main Street, Southampton. 212-204-0442.

THE FITZGERALD GALLERY- The paintings of Janine Stern at the Fitzgerald Gallery, 48 B Main Street, Westhampton Beach 631-288-6419.

GOOD CONSCIENCE GALLERY 848 – Lynne Heffner is the featured artist. Open Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment. 848 North Sea Road, Southampton. 631-726-4663.

GRENNING GALLERY – "Plein Air Peconic III" Open Sun.–Thurs., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. 90 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-767-5302.

GUILD HALL - "Jane Martin: Reckoning and Rapture," a solo exhibition of video stills, installation and photographs, through January 18. 158 Main St. East Hampton. For more information, visit www.guildhall.org or www.janemartinart.com. 631-324-0806.

HAMPTON ROAD GALLERY – "Recent Works" by Barbara Press. 36 Hampton Road, Southampton. 631-204-9704.

HAMPTONS ANTIQUE GALLERIES – "Steampunk Art + Design." 2546 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton.

JILL LYNN & CO. – "Square by Nature," photography by Richard Felber. 66 Jobs Ln., Southampton. 631-287-1001.

KESZLER GALLERY – "The End" and selected images from "Mermaids and Flowers" by Michael Dweck. 45 Main St., Southampton. 631-204-0353.

MARK BORGHI FINE ART –"Wintry Mix" a group exhibition featuring a selection of works by 19th and 20th century masters. Open daily, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 2462 Main St., Bridgehampton. 631-537-7245.

PARASKEVAS GALLERY – Showing Michael Paraskevas' extensive work and children's book illustrations from Maggie and the Ferocious Beast and other books he published with his mother, Betty. Open by appointment. 83 Main St., Westhampton Beach. 631-287-1665.

THE PARRISH ART MUSEUM – "Modern Photographs: The Machine, the Body and the City – Selections from the Charles Cowles Collection." Open Fri.-Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 25 Job's Ln., Southampton. 631-283-2118.

POLLOCK-KRASNER HOUSE – "Lee Krasner: Little Image Paintings, 1946-1950." Open by appointment only on Thurs.-Sat. 830 Springs-Fireplace Rd., East Hampton. 631-324-4929.

SALOMON CONTEMPORARY WAREHOUSE – Plank Rd., Unit 3, East Hampton. 631-267-0828.

SARA NIGHTINGALE GALLERY – Work by Jeremy Wagner and Cara Enteles. 688 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-793-2256 or 631-726-0076.

SIRENS' SONG GALLERY – "On Land and Sea." 516 Main Street, Greenport. sirensongallery.com. 631-477-1021.

SNAKE HOLLOW STUDIO – Lynn Matsuoka and Keith Barker. 221 Snake Hollow Rd., Bridgehampton. 631-537-5237.

SNITZER ARREGUI PROJECT – "For Sale," by Bert Rodriguez. 720 Montauk Hwy., Water Mill. 305-448-8976.

SOUTH STREET GALLERY – Paintings by Jeanne Kenney. 18 South Street, Greenport. 631-477-0021.

SURFACE LIBRARY GALLERY – "Figuratively Speaking." Open Thurs.-Sun. from 1-7 p.m. and by appointment. 845 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton. 631-291-9061.

SYLVESTER & CO. AT HOME – "Unseen Works," Matthew Satz. 154 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-9777.

SYLVESTER & CO. GALLERY – "Reverse Angle" by Christopher Phillips Haile and watercolors and drawings by Lucia Phillips Haile. 103 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-5012.

UBER HOUSE GALLERY – "Phoenix," a photo presentation by GEIR. 80 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0909.

VERED GALLERY – "Contemporary and Modern Masters." Open Sun.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 68 Park Place, East Hampton. 631-324-3303.

WALK TALL GALLERY – "Topographies," by Susan Rockford and Setha Low. Open Tues.-Sun. at 11 a.m. or by appointment. 62 Park Place, East Hampton. 631-324-9776.

WALLACE GALLERY – "The Plein Air Tradition." Open Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. or by appointment. 37A Main Street, East Hampton. 631-329-4516.

WINTERHARBOR GALLERY – 471 Main St., Greenport. 631-477-5056.

THE WINTER TREE GALLERY – Open daily, 12-6 p.m. Closed Tues. 125 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0097.

MOVIES

Schedule for the week of Friday, January 9 to Thursday, January 15. Movie schedules are subject to change. Call to confirm shows and times.

BAY STREET THEATRE
(631-725-9500)
Love Me Tender – Fri. 8
Roustabout – Sat. 8

HAMPTON ARTS (+)
(631-288-2600)
Marley and Me (PG) – Fri. 7:30 Sat.-Sun. 4:30, 6:30, 8:45 Mon.-Thurs. 7
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) – Fri. 8 Sat.-Sun. 4:30, 8 Mon.-Thurs. 7

MATTITUCK CINEMAS (+)
(631-298-SHOW)
Call for show times.
Seven Pounds (PG-13), Tale Despereaux (G), The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button (PG-13), Bedtime Stories (PG), Marley and Me (PG), Valkyrie (PG-13), The Unborn (PG-13), Gran Torino (R), Bride Wars (PG)

SAG HARBOR CINEMA (+)
(631-725-0010)
Doubt – Fri., Mon., Thurs. 5, 7:15 Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5, 7:15

UA EAST HAMPTON (+)
(631-324-0448)
Seven Pounds (PG-13) – Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 3:40, 6:50, 10:05 Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 3:40, 6:50
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) – Sat.-Sun. 11, 2:40, 6:20, 10 Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 3, 6:30
Gran Torino (R) – Sat.-Sun. 1, 4, 7:30, 10:20 Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 4, 7:30
Milk (R) – Sat.-Sun. 12:50, 3:50, 7, 10:10 Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 3:50, 7
Frost Nixon (R) – Sat.-Sun. 12, 3:30, 7:15, 10:15 Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 3:30, 7:15
Bedtime Stories (PG) – Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50 Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 4:30, 7:20

UA HAMPTON BAYS (+)
(631-728-8535)
Tale Of Despereaux (G) – Fri.-Sat. 1, 4, 7, 9:30 Sun. 1, 4, 7 Mon.-Thurs. 4, 7
Bride Wars (PG) – Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40 Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 Mon.-Thurs. 4:20, 7:20
The Unborn (PG-13) – Fri.-Sat. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10 Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40 Mon.-Thurs. 4:40, 7:40
Bedtime Stories (PG) – Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50 Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 Mon.-Thurs. 4:30, 7:30
Yes Man (PG-13) – Fri.-Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10 Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10 Mon.-Thurs. 4:10, 7:10

UA SOUTHAMPTON (+)
(631-287-2774)
The Reader (R) – Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10 Sun.-Thurs. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15
Valkyrie (PG-13) – Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun.-Thurs. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Doubt (PG-13) – Fri.-Sat. 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:10 Sun.-Thurs. 1:45, 4:45, 7:45
Marley and Me (PG) – Fri.-Sat. 1, 4, 7, 9:50 Sun.-Thurs. 1, 4, 7

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Dining and Nightlife

Side Dish *Aji Jones*

Nick & Toni's is now offering a new four-course menu to celebrate Italy's Tuscan region for $38 per person. The menu will be available all night every night until Sunday, January 11, except on Saturday, January 10, when it will only be offered until 7 p.m. The menu includes: White bean and tuna salad; risotto with porcini mushrooms; calamari in tomato broth and Swiss chard; milk braised pork loin and roasted onions; and homemade local berry jam and almond tart. For details, call 631-324-3550.

In an effort to fill the empty shelves at local food pantries after the holidays, **Art of Eating** and **Hampton Event Management International** presents **"Ladles of Love" Fundraiser** to benefit Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Montauk, Sag Harbor, Southampton and Springs food pantries. The event will be held on Saturday, January 17 from noon to 10 p.m. at Art of Eating and HEMI, 74 Montauk Highway, Amagansett. Community members are urged to donate much-needed non-perishable boxes, cans and fresh produce throughout the day to help neighbors. Complimentary coffee and cider will be served to anyone making a donation or who just needs a hot beverage. Admission is free. The evening's event, "Soup Kitchen Ladle Out," will feature live music and local restaurants ladling out their best soups from 6 to 10 p.m. A limited number of passes for "Soup Kitchen Ladle Out" is available and costs $49 per person. All profits will be donated to the East End Food Pantry Network. Local donors include: Amagansett Wine & Sprits, Bermuda Parties, Emil Norsic & Son, Hampton Coffee Company, Herman Lamison Security, Matt Murphy Event Lighting, The Milk Pail, Montauk Printing, Peconic Woodworking-Jim McConville, Plum TV, Southampton Publick House, Wainscott Wine & Spirits, WordHampton Public Relations, Babette's, Cynthia Battaglia Catering, Della Femina, Golden Pear, Gurney's, Harvest on Fort Pond, Il Cappuccino, La Fondita, The Laundry, The Meeting House, The Palm, Paradise Caféé, Robert's, Sen, Stuart's Seafood, Taste of the North Fork, Tweed's Restaurant and Dark Horse Catering, Vivian and the Merry Makers, Mama Lee and Friends, Bastards of Boom, Jim Lawlor, Matt Coss, Garrett Shuppe and Friends and Cross Roads Music. Call 631-267-3312 or visit ladiesoflove.com for more information.

Jamesport Manor Inn will host their second annual wine dinner featuring **Macari Vineyards** of Mattituck on Friday, January 16 at 7 p.m. Executive Chef Eric Rickmers and Winemakers Helmut Gangle and Paola Valverde crafted a five-course menu paired with wines. The menu includes: Crisp fried Ipswich clams and chile-mint vinaigrette with 2007 Sauvignon Blanc; basil crusted pork tenderloin and spicy curry emulsion with 2008 Early Wine; Crescent Farm duck breast and thyme infused duck jus with 2004 Cabernet Franc; braised beef cheek, ricotta cannelloni and sage brown butter with 2004 Reserve Merlot; and crepes with Explorateur cheese and red wine dates with 2005 Block E Chardonnay. Vegetarian pairings are available upon request. Cost is $70 per person. For more information, call 631-722-0500.

OLA, the East End's Latino organization, has a new arm – OLA YG (Younger Generation). Their mission is to promote, empower and inspire the Latino community on the East End as they work to unify and educate the community. To kick off this new chapter, OLA and OLA YG will host a benefit on Sunday, January 25 at Townline BBQ/La Fondita from 3 to 5 p.m. Executive Chef Joe Realmuto created a special menu for the event, which includes: Chips and pico de Gallo, quesadillas, chicken flautas, tinga tostados, calamari cocktail and al pastor skewers. Tickets are limited. Cost is $15 and includes a soft drink. There will be live music and a cash bar. For reservations or more information, contact Linda Shapiro at 631-329-5480.

Jason Weiner, executive chef and co-owner of **Almond**, will cook a special dinner at **The James Beard House** in New York City on Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. Cost is $125 for James Beard Foundation members and $155 for non-members. The menu will be paired with wine and includes: Raw fluke with pomegranates, grapefruit granita and crispy leeks; chestnut soup with foie gras crouton, 50-year sherry vinegar and brown butter crèème fraiche; roast rib of veal, caramelized mirapoix and spinach-oyster coulis; and banana cake, caramelized bananas and house made banana ice cream. Call 212-675-4984 to make a reservation.

Matto now offers a new affordable takeout menu to kick off 2009. Takeout is available Thursday through Tuesday starting at 5 p.m. Place your order by phone at 631-329-0255 or fax 631-329-0224. Takeout items include: Raviolini fritti, $8; insalata Matto, $9; spaghettini alla carbonara, $18; pizza napoletana, $8/$17; pollo alla casalinga, $21; and salmone oreganato, $22. Call 631-329-0200 for more information.

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Braising: The Ultimate Comfort Food

One of the simplest cooking preparations is the technique to braise. And it couldn't be more suitable to this time of the year, when such fashionable hearty slow-cooked food favorites are braised short ribs or lamb shanks. Generally the ingredient list for braised dishes can appear lengthy and may be a turn off at first glance. A modicum of vegetables is chopped up front, there's a brief browning time and the oven does the rest.

For best results, braising requires a tight-lidded heavy enamel over iron pan such as an oval or round 5-7 quart Le Creuset casserole. That is what I reach for when preparing the above recipes. Some chopped vegetables are sautéed before browning the main ingredient and transferred to a covered casserole to slowly cook in moist heat. It's best to prepare certain braised dishes a day ahead to refrigerate, particularly beef or lamb, to remove the congealed fat. If I'm cooking short ribs, I may pull the meat off the bone to shred and serve with the vegetable juices over soft polenta. This may be the height of culinary comfort and warmth.

BRAISED LAMB SHANKS WITH WHITE BEANS

Braising lamb shanks with white beans make a complete and comforting meal.

Serves 6

6 lamb shanks, about 3/4 - 1 pound each (have butcher saw off exposed bone)
Flour for dusting shanks
2 tablespoons olive oil
Coarse (kosher) salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1 large red onion, finely chopped
3 ribs of celery cut into 3/4-inch slices
3 carrots cut into 3/4-inch slices
4-5 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 1/2 cups red wine
3 cups chicken or beef stock
2 bay leaves
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
1 tablespoon snipped rosemary leaves
1 can (2 lbs., 3 oz.) Italian plum tomatoes, drained
1 tablespoon molasses
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 pound Great Northern beans, soaked four hours or overnight

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1. Trim shanks of excess fat. Warm the oil in a large 12-inch skillet. Dust shanks with flour and brown, a few at a time, over medium-high heat, about three minutes each side. Transfer shanks, as they are done, to a 6-7 quart oven-proof casserole and season with salt and pepper.

2. Add onion, celery and carrots to the skillet the shanks browned in and sauté until onions are translucent, about four minutes. Add the garlic and cook one minute longer. Transfer vegetable mixture to the shanks. Add wine and cook over high heat to reduce by half. Add stock, bay leaves, thyme, rosemary and tomatoes, breaking up the tomatoes with the back of a spoon. Bring the sauce to a boil. Let the mixture simmer briskly for a few minutes while scraping up pan juices. Stir in molasses and mustard, then ladle wine mixture over the shanks, barely covering them. Bake for one hour.

3. Remove casserole from oven, drain beans and add to the liquid to completely submerge. Return to oven and bake about two hours longer, until meat and beans are tender. Taste for salt and pepper and adjust seasoning if necessary. Can be prepared up to two days ahead. Cool and refrigerate to discard congealed fat.

4. When ready to serve, bring the stew to room temperature then simmer over low heat until shanks and beans are heated through. Taste to adjust seasoning if necessary.

BRAISED BEEF SHORT RIBS

Braised dishes characteristically take time to cook without demanding your time.

Serves 6

8-9 large meaty short ribs of beef, about four pounds
1/3 cup flour
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves or 1/2 teaspoon dried
Coarse (kosher) salt and freshly ground pepper
1 teaspoon paprika
2 tablespoons Canola oil
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 ribs celery, trimmed, rinsed and thinly sliced
2 fresh thyme sprigs or 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
2 tablespoons tomato paste
2 cups dry red wine
3 cups beef broth, preferably homemade or canned low-sodium
1 bunch carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch lengths
2 large parsnips, peeled and cut into 1-inch lengths
4 tablespoons chopped parsley

1. Wipe the ribs with paper towels to absorb any moisture. Place the flour, thyme, salt, pepper and paprika in a plastic bag and toss to mix. Put in the ribs and shake the bag to coat on all sides.

2. Heat oil in a large heavy skillet over medium high heat and put in as many ribs as it will hold at one time without crowding the pan. Sauté the ribs until they're a deep golden brown on all sides, for about three minutes each side. Transfer to a large six- or seven-quart oven-proof casserole as the ribs are seared. Season ribs generously with salt and pepper. While meat is browning prep the vegetables.

Note: Steps 1 and 2, browning the meat and prepping the vegetables, will take about 30 minutes or so. After this initial preparation, preheat oven to 325 degrees.

3. Add onion, garlic and celery to the pan the ribs cooked in, adjust heat to medium and sauté vegetables about five minutes until onion is translucent. Add tomato paste, stir to mix and season with salt and pepper. Add red wine and bring to a boil. Simmer briskly until wine is reduced by half. Add broth and bring to the edge of a boil. Pour the liquid and vegetables over the meat. The liquid should barely cover the meat. Add more broth if necessary, cover pan and transfer to preheated oven and cook for two hours. Cool and refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Discard fat before returning to the oven. Add carrots and parsnips, stir into the liquid and continue to cook for 45 minutes longer until meat falls off the bone and carrots and parsnips are tender. Adjust seasoning to taste if necessary and serve hot.

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ALMOND RESTAURANT – Classic French bistro offering unpretentious French food at affordable prices, offers a fall three-course prix fixe for $24.95 Monday all night and Tuesday and Thursday – Sunday from 6 – 7 p.m. Almond is open for dinner Thursday through Tuesday starting at 6 p.m., closed on Wednesday. Located at 1970 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton, 631-537-8885, www.almondrestaurant.com.

ANNONA – Sleek modern Italian serving a market menu, which changes according to local produce. Everything from fresh breads and pastas to rib eye and local fish from their wood-burning oven. Located at 112 Riverhead Road, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-7766.

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MATSULIN – This cozy Pan Asian restaurant has a menu with varied cuisines from fresh cut sashimi to savory Kari Ayam. Open 7 days from 12 p.m. Located at 131 W. Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. 631-728-8838.

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SATURDAY, 10

CROSSROADS COFFEEHOUSE – 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. 5 Old Stone Highway, East Hampton. From November through May, Crossroads Music hosts the Crossroads Coffee house which has been held at the Springs Church Community Center on Old Stone Highway in Springs. If you are interested in playing or performing, please contact Michael at Crossroads Music at 631-907-4838.

FIRESIDE MOVIE – Movie night in the Nature Center at 7 pm. "Arctic Tale" a National Geographic Production narrated by Queen Latifah. A real life adventure about a walrus pup and a polar bear cub. $3.00 per person, for families and adults. Quogue Wildlife Refuge, 3 Old Country Road, Quogue. 631-653-4771 Reservations required.

SUNDAY, 11

QI GONG – Roots and Branches Qi Gong, 1/11 at 12 Noon. Celebrate Chinese New Year with us and learn ancient Chinese exercises to bring health and freedom of movement for the year to come. Free! All are welcome. At the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 997 Bridge-Sag Harbor Tpke. For more info call 631-537-8163.

MONDAY, 12

PRESERVING AND CARING FOR LAND – 1:30 p.m. at the Rogers Memorial Library, Morris Meeting Room. Scott Chaskey, Quail Hill Preserve Manager of the Peconic Land trust, will offer a look at what has been accomplished and what is still at stake. Reservations are appreciated, please call 631-283-0774
Ext. 523.

TUESDAY, 13

HURLYBURLY BY DAVID RABE – Guild Hall at 7:30 p.m.

CHAIR YOGA CLASSES –Several spaces left in the Rogers Memoral Library's series of Tues. afternoon 2 pm and 3pm classes, running through 2/24. Cost for the series is $40,pre-registration required. Call 631-283-0774 Ext. 523 to register.

LIFE DRAWING CLASS – 10 to 2 p.m. Veterans Hall, 2 Pond Lane, Southampton. Sponsored by Southampton Artists. The evening classes will resume in May. Instructed classes start 1/8, for information, call Linda Capello 631-725-5851

ONE STROKE PAINTING PROGRAM – 6:45 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. Town of Southampton Parks & Recreation Dept. is now accepting registrations for "One-Stroke" Painting to be held at the Lodge at Squiretown Park, 62 Red Creek Road, Hampton Bays. Fee is $15 for residents or $25 for non-residents with a $15 materials charge. Register at 631-728-8585.

PICK OF THE WEEK

CROSSROADS COFFEE-HOUSE – 1/10 – 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. 5 Old Stone Highway, East Hampton. From November through May, Crossroads Music hosts the Crossroads Coffee house which has been held at the Springs Church Community Center on Old Stone Highway in Springs. If you are interested in playing or performing, please contact Michael at Crossroads Music at 631-907-4838.

WEDNESDAY, 14

GREAT GRAINS AND GREENS FOR EVERYDAY COOKS – 12 Noon. Dorothy Reilly, local nutritional counselor, will present "Great Grains and Greens for Everyday Cooks". Patrons should bring a bag lunch, coffee and tea will be served. Rogers Memorial Library, reservations are required, please call 631-283-0774 Ext. 523.

SIMPLE STEPS TO A GREEN HOUSE-HOLD – 7 p.m. Deborah Shishido, of LI-CAN (Long Island Climate Action Network) will give a short presentation on the "Low Carbon Diet" by David Gershon. Green door prizes will be given. Quoguè Wildlife Refuge, program for adults, reservations requested, call 631-653-4771.

FRIDAY, 16

MARTIN MAYER TO SPEAK ON CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS – 7 p.m. at the Shelter Island Public Library. Noted columnist and author, Martin Mayer will address today's volatile economy, and Robert Lipsyte, a contributing writer and former columnist for The New York Times will moderate. For more info call Denise DePaolo at 631-749-0042.

FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES @ THE LIBRARY – 7 TO 9 p.m. at the Shelter Island Library, lower level, 37 North Ferry road, Rte 114. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Light refreshments will be served. Call 631-749-0042 for more info.

MONDAY, 19

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY BREAK-FAST – 10 a.m. at the Rogers Memorial Library, Morris Room. A community breakfast to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King, will include food, fellowship, music. No charge,reservations required. Call 631-283-0774 ext. 523

OUTDOOR RECREATION & FITNESS

SUNDAY, 11

FULL MOON NIGHT HIKE – 6:30 p.m. Join in for a hike through the forest up to North Pond for approximately 1 ?_ hours. Reservations required 24 hours prior, space is limited. Free program for adults and families with children over 11. Quogue Wildlife Refuge, 3 Old Country Road, Quogue. 631-653-4771

SATURDAY, 17

THE GREAT NEBULA OF ORION AND OTHER WONDERS OF THE WINTER SKY – 5:30 p.m. weather permitting, a tour of the night sky. Call the nature center to confirm, rain date will be set for 1/24. Warm beverages will be served. Free. Reservations required, call 631-653-4771.

THURSDAY, 22

MARCH FOR LIFE – will take place in Washington DC beginning at noon with a Rally on the Mall followed by a walk up Constitution Avenue ending at the Supreme Court. Call Long Island Coalition for Life 631-243-1435

Letters

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LIPA LOVE LETTER

Dear Editor:

To all of those who sent in emails and letters to LIPA, a big thank you for supporting clean energy programs! I addressed today's meeting of LIPA's Board of Trustees and just wanted to give you a quick update. Hundreds of people responded to our email appeals – LIPA received about 400 letters and emails on the issue – and Long Island's solar contractors turned out in great numbers at the Trustee meeting to speak in favor of funding much needed clean energy programs. LIPA decided to increase 2009 funding for the solar program (from $8 to $12.5 million) and will also establish a small wind program and we should celebrate that victory!

On the other hand, LIPA failed to provide adequate funding for a much needed expansion of the energy efficiency program that was promised last May, when LIPA announced the Efficiency Long Island Initiative to be funded with an average of $92 million annually over 10 years. Unfortunately, funding for 2009 will remain flat at $32 million, less than 1% of LIPA's $3.8 billion budget.

LIPA's 2009 rates will now increase 3.2% – even more reason to conserve, use energy efficiency and solar energy as much as possible.

While we did not achieve full funding for efficiency, we succeeded in maintaining current funding levels and were able to increase solar and small wind funding, thanks to you and all those who worked hard on making this happen.

Thank you for caring!

Gordian Raacke, Executive Director
Via e-mail

Sure. I care too. – D.R.

RADIO WAVES

Dear Dan's Paper,

Just wanted to say thanks for the terrific column on radio in the Dec. 12 issue #38 ["Easy Listening," by Susan Galardi]. Totally enjoyed the humor and perspective... and pleasantly surprised by the mention of Steve and me about two-thirds of the way down the column (No Matter What, etc).

Steve and I often co-host a late night show on WPKN called Radio Base Camp, at the unfortunate time of 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday into Monday.

However, we'll be doing a Friday morning show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow and for the next 2 or 3 Fridays. (Hope that's not too predictable!) Will aim to have some nice surprises. Hope you get a chance to tune in at some point.

Thanks again for the great column ... and your support of listener sponsored radio.

Best regards,
Eric Cocks
Via email

I'll tune in. At least once. – SG, Managing Editor

NO TIME FOR FUN!

Dear Dan,

After reading Susan Galardi's article regarding the current mental state of East End real estate agents ["Agent Therapy," Holiday Issue], I can safely say that I have never encountered an article that was a greater waste of space than this one. Yes, the market is bad, but to make the assumption that all real estate agents are such neurotic, vapid individuals is insulting and incredibly naïve. Obviously, Ms. Galardi has great disdain for real estate agents, and it is clear that the article was meant to be tongue in cheek, but to take up space in your newspaper with such negativity and drivel is a shame.

I should disclose that I am a real estate agent currently dealing with this market. Although it is hard, I prefer to look at it as a challenge. As agents in this market, we have to be resourceful and find creative ways to bring buyers and sellers together (and, yes, there are still buyers out there). If we can survive in this economy, it can only make us stronger and better agents when the market again turns upwards.

There are a lot of people out there who have real questions and concerns regarding real estate on the East End. Perhaps next time you could publish an article that actually gives your readers information and knowledge, for example a round table discussion with several real estate agents discussing the current market, this summer's rental market and where they see real estate going in the next year

Sincerely,
Alexandra Spencer, Sag Harbor
Via e-mail

Some of my best friends, including my life partner, are real estate agents – many of whom much appreciate a good laugh, especially now. For more straightforward real estate coverage, please see the weekly column, "Estate of Mind," that I created to cover the blood and guts, ins and outs of the industry; as well as real estate feature stories that I regularly assign. Thanks for taking the time to read the article. – SG, Managing Editor

JUST WHAT YOU DON'T NEED

Dear Dan's Papers,

Just read ["Estate of Mind," by T.J. Clemente] in *Dan's* Holiday Issue. Of course the reduced rate mortgages are for those who don't need!!! (As is the way of our world these days.) [Mr. Clemente's] crystal clear article puts it all into shocking perspective.

Happy New Year. May it be one of fairness, equity, health, happiness, and peace.

All the best,

Dede Gotthelf, Via e-mail

I wish you all the things you **don't** *need for '09! – SG, Managing Editor*

BREAKING RULES

Dear Dan,

I found the article written by Sally Flynn on "The Rules of Shopping" to be one of the most idiotic pieces I have ever read. I especially took offense to her "rule" number 2. I really don't find it amusing or even funny to think it is acceptable to break the law and post fake handicap parking tags in your car if you don't need them, especially if you don't feel like walking across a full parking lot. Most people I know are grateful they can walk.

In case Ms. Flynn has forgotten, the young men and women in our armed forces are coming back missing limbs ... or even worse – dead! Talk about dishonoring their service.

My father is a paraplegic who served this country and served the City of New York as a Police Officer. He lost the ability to walk 28 years ago. The irony here is that he never complains when people break the law and park in allocated handicap spots without a permit. He just finds a spot. Even if it is in the back of the lot and he has to push himself through a chaotic shopping nightmare.

People may not realize it, but handicap parking spots are made larger for a reason: To accommodate lifts and other adaptive equipment necessary for their day-to-day independence.I am sure there are many handicapped people who wish they had to deal with the burden of being tired from a day of shopping rather than having to live with their injuries.

I feel sorry for Ms. Flynn. Maybe if she or a family member were faced with such adversity it would show her the true meaning of the holidays. Good Will Towards Men not "The Rules of Shopping.

Sincerely,

Joe Mendez. Via e-mail

I am sending good thoughts to Sally Flynn. – D.R.

Police Blotter

New Year's Madness

There was plenty of unlawful behavior to go around throughout the Hamptons as police were out in full force to prevent those that had a bit too much to drink from driving on the streets. Officers made DWI arrests by setting up checkpoints throughout the villages on main roads, as those that were arrested found out that their New Year's resolution was going to be less about losing weight and more about stopping drinking.

Reports of Cold

There were several reports of "feeling really cold" at the Polar Bear Plunge in Montauk at Gurney's, where approximately 40 swimmers leaped into the freezing cold water for fun. All of the cold reports were quickly remedied after a complimentary visit to the spa where the plungers enjoyed a hot Roman bath and steam room.

Hatred of Gas Stations

A man in Hampton Bays was arrested after he was caught causing significant damage to a gas station. He tried to escape on foot, but police caught up with him after a chase and arrested him. We can understand being angry at a gas station few months ago, but with prices below $2.00 in some places, can you really be that mad?

Serial Mailboxers

Two young men were arrested in East Hampton after they were caught playing mailbox baseball with 11 boxes along Miller Lane in East Hampton. Police were able to catch the criminals after they left a trail of debris and blood to follow. One of the suspects received lacerations on his hand from destroying one of the mailboxes. When they were arrested, both of them were extremely intoxicated according to police. These two guys need to find a new hobby. Boxing?

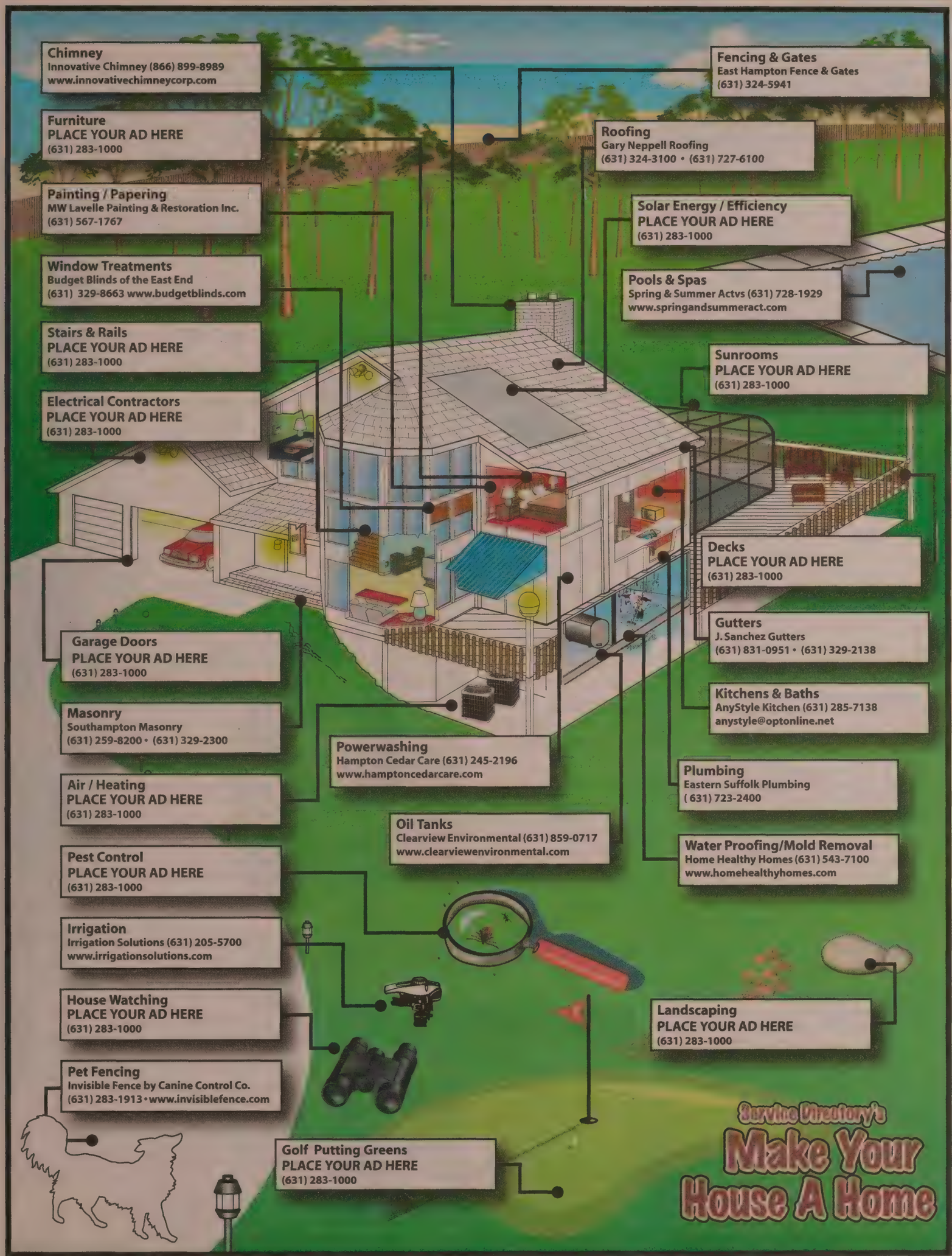
Wrong Side of the Road

A woman from New York City was caught driving on the wrong side of the road by police and heading into oncoming traffic. The officer who pulled the woman over recognized the woman immediately as intoxicated and arrested her after giving her a sobriety test. The woman refused a breath test, although this plan to outsmart the system didn't do much but land her in the slammer.

The Apple Bag

East Hampton police arrested a man in possession of marijuana. The bag that contained the marijuana had an apple stapled onto it. In general, this is not a good way to make people believe you are walking around with a bag of apples. "Oh no officer, this is just a bag of apples! You can tell by the apple stapled on the front of it."

By David Lion Rattiner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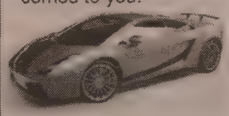

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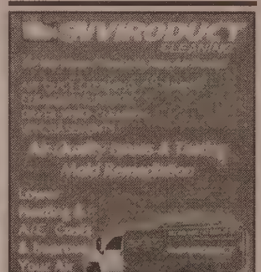
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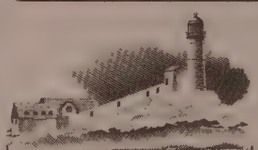

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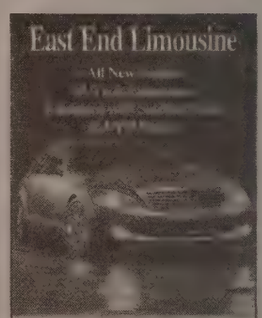

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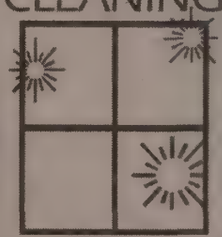

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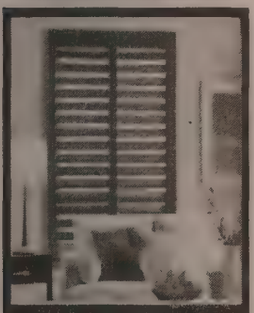

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MONTAUK
Richard A Cavett to County of Suffolk, 165 DeForest Road, **18,000,000**
John P Kehoe to Harvest Moon Beach House -63 Cleveland Dr, **2,040,000**

NORTH HAVEN
Regina Deutsch Trust to Edward Bulgin, 11 Mashomuck Drive, **2,500,000**

SAG HARBOR
CSC Acquisition NY Inc to Sagvine Properties LLC, 775 Middle Line Hwy, **1,350,000**

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Stephen Levine to Ronald W Goldberg, 240 Narrow Lane East, **1,500,000**

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HDA Parish LLC to Robert Tills, 34 Parrish Pond Lane **3,450,000**
238 OTR Associates LLC to Town of Southampton, 238 Old Town Rd., **2,600,000**
Patrick J Badolato to Michael Schessel, 20 Lake Drive, **1,150,000**
Hamptons Little Neck LLC to South Crossing LLC, 9 Pond Crossing #15, **1,349,000**

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Richard A Rubio to 114 RR LLC, 114 Old Riverhead Road, **3,990,000**

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Heather H & Carlton Roberts to Deborah Dellis, 36960 Main Rd, **510,000**

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RIVERHEAD
Riverhead Reeves Associates LLC to Maricarmen Millan-Perez, 111 Bellflower Ct., **517,000**

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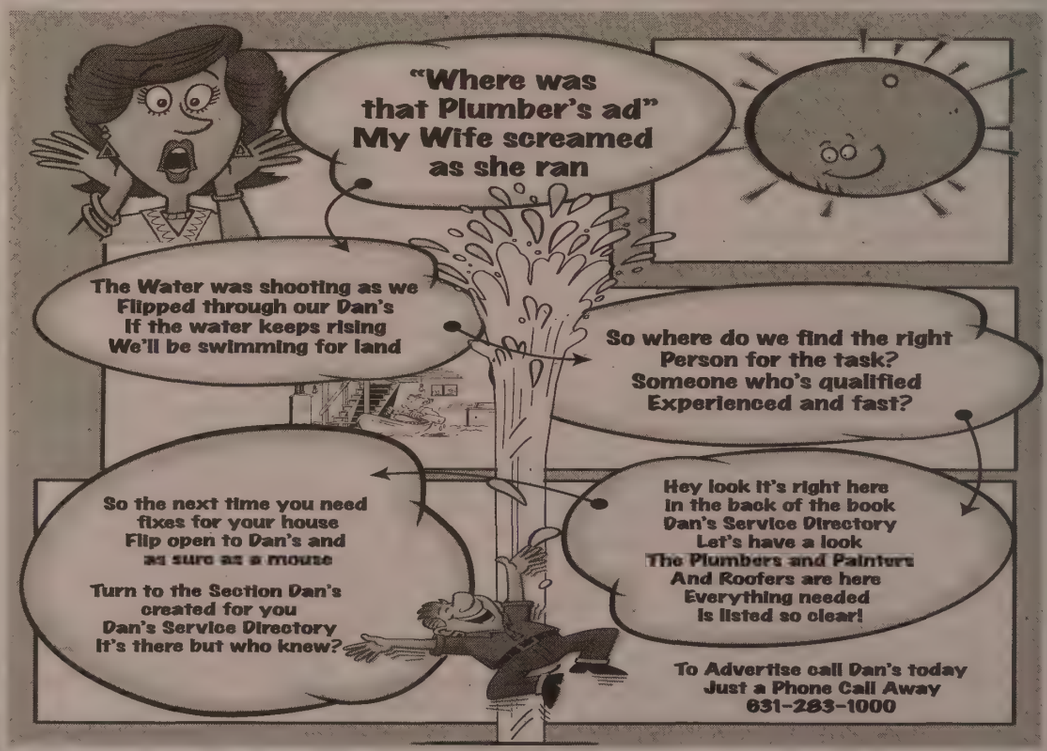
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